

From the Diary of Anne Frank

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oral comprehension check

1. what makes writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank?

~~Ans~~ Anne thinks that neither she herself nor anyone else will be interested in reading the idea of a 13 year old girl. which makes her think that writing diary is a strange experience.
2. why does Anne want to keep a diary?

~~Ans~~ Anne does not have any friend with whom she may share her intimate views. Therefore, she wanted to keep a diary and treat it as a friend.
3. why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people?

~~Ans~~ She believed that paper has more patience than anything else. It means that her diary could prove a very useful medium to express her views. So, she thought that she could confide more in her diary than in people.

4. Why does Anne provide a brief sketch of her life?

Ans: Anne wants to rewrite her diary in a different way. She does not just state simple facts in it. She provides a brief sketch about her life in it. She thinks it will help people understand the diary.

5. What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother?

Ans: She often thought of her after her death. Anne's grandmother fell ill in 1941. Anne lit one candle in the memory of her grandmother on her own birthday after grandmother's death.

6. Why was Mr. Keating annoyed with Anne? What did he ask her to do?

Ans: Anne was a very talkative student. Mr. Keating asked Anne to do extra name work as punishment for talking too much.

7. How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay?

Ans: She wrote that talking too much was the trait of a student. She had inherited this trait from her mother. In this way, Anne justified her being a 'chatterbox'.

8. Do you think Mr. Keating was a strict teacher?

Ans: Yes, Mr. Keating was a strict teacher. Anne used to talk too much in class. Mr. Keating punished her and asked her to do extra homework.

9. What made Mr. Keating allow Anne to talk in class?

Ans: Mr. Keating asked Anne to write an essay on "Quack, Quack, Quack said Mistress Chatterbox". Anne wrote it with the help of her friend. She wrote how the swan had eaten its ducklings to death for talking too much.

It was a joke on Mr. Kessing. He took it very well & allowed Anne to talk in the class.

Questions and Answers.

Q1: Was Anne right when she said that the world would ~~be~~ not be interested in the musings of a thirteen year-old girl?

Ans No, Anne was not right in having these ideas. Her ideas have been translated in different language of the world. Many films have been made on the basis of her musings. Her writing became the world's most widely read books. Her musings were also popular when published under the title, 'The Diary of a young Girl'.

Q2: There are some examples of diary or journal entries in the 'Before you read' section. Compare these with what Anne writes in her diary. What language was the diary originally written in? In what way is Anne's diary different?

Ans = Anne's diary is different from the journal. ~~as~~ This diary does not contain simple facts. It was originally written by Dutch language. Anne's diary is different as she treats it as a friend.

Q3. Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch about her family? Does she treat 'Kitty' as an outsider or an acquaintance?

Ans = She gave a brief sketch about her family to make understandable for the people. She does not consider Kitty as an outsider.

Q4. Who does Anne Frank feel about her father, her grand mother, Mr. Keesing & Mr. Keesing? What do these tell you about her?

Ans = Anne Frank feels her father is adorable. She has great love for grand mother. She was very much attached with her teacher Mrs. Keesing. For Anne, Mr. Keesing is a loved test master.

Q5. What does Anne write in her first essay?

Ans. Mr. Keating punished Anne for talking too much. The cause Anne to write an essay on "chatterbox". Anne writes that her talking too much was the fruit of a student she had inherited of this habit from her father. So she cannot be cured of this habit.

Q6. Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. Is Mr. Keating unpredictable? How?

Ans. Mr. Keating is very strict in the beginning. He tells Anne to do extra homework for talking too much. Anne was punished to write an essay. And when she was again asked to write the essay for the third time, she tried to make a joke on Keating. Now she is no longer punished. It shows that Mr. Keating was indeed unpredictable.