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## Anne Frank

Anne Frank was born on June 12, 1929, in Frankfurt, Germany. Her parents were Otto Frank and Edith Frank-Hollander. Her oldest sister was named Margot Frank. The Franks were liberal Jews and did not observe all of the traditions and customs of Judaism.

On March 13, 1933, Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party won the elections for the municipal council in Frankfurt. Antisemitic demonstrations began, and the Franks feared what would happen if they stayed in Germany. As a result, Edith and the children went to Aachen to live with Edith's mother. Otto stayed in Frankfurt and later moved to Amsterdam. His wife and the children later joined him in Amsterdam.

In 1940, Germany invaded the Netherlands and began to persecute the Jews by making discriminatory laws. Eventually, it became mandatory that all Jews be registered. They were also segregated.

In 1942, Anne received a book for her thirteenth birthday that she decided to use as a diary. In July of 1942, Margot Frank received a notice that ordered her to report for relocation to a work camp. Instead, the Frank family went into hiding. The Franks left their apartment messy to indicate that they left suddenly, and Otto Frank left a note that hinted that they were fleeing to Switzerland.

The Franks hid in the Achterhuis, which is a Dutch word that identifies the rear of a house. It was located above the Opekta offices, where Otto Frank had worked. A few employees knew of their hiding and helped them by supplying food. On July 13, the van Pels family joined the Franks in hiding. In November, Fritz Pfeffer also joined the group.

On August 4, 1944, the Achterhuis was invaded by the German Security Police. The Franks, the van Pelses, and Pfeffer were taken to Gestapo headquarters. They were later transferred to an overcrowded prison on the Weteringschans. Since the group was arrested while in hiding, they were considered criminals and were sent to the Punishment Barracks for hard labor. The group was sent to the concentration camp in Auschwitz. During the transport, Otto Frank was separated from his family. Of the 1019 passengers on the transport, 549 of them were sent directly to the gas chambers. Anne was spared.

Anne, along with the other women that were not immediately killed, was forced to strip and was disinfected. Her head was shaved, and she was tattooed on her arm with an identification number. On October 28, Anne and Margot were relocated to Bergen-Belsen. Edith Frank was left behind and died of starvation.

In March of 1945, a typhus epidemic broke out in the camp. The epidemic killed roughly 17,000 prisoners. Margot died during this time. Anne died a few days after Margot. Most likely, this occurred only a few weeks before the camp was freed by British troops on April 15, 1945. After the camp was freed, the camp itself was burned in order to prevent the spread of disease. Anne and Margot were buried in a mass grave. The exact whereabouts of the grave is unknown.

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Although Anne believed her father had died after they were separated, he actually survived Auschwitz. After the war ended, he returned to Amsterdam in search of his family. He eventually learned that none of them survived.

Anne's story became known through her writings in her diary. Her diary was eventually given to her father. Her diary was published in Germany and France in 1950. It was later published in America in 1952 and was titled *Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl*. Anne Frank was identified as an important figure that represented the destruction of youth during World War II.

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