

Janet R.

Learning about Anne Frank has inspired me in many ways. First of all, I have learned that there's only one life and that you have to know how to live it to the fullest because it can be taken away from you in a snap. Like Anne's, she was very cheerful but she felt she was never understood, so half her life she lived hating her mother, when she could have been spending some important quality time with her. Maybe that's something we as teenagers need to apply to our real lives!

I also learned to see the bright side of life. That the only thing that can't be fixed is death. Everything else you can find a way out of, even if the passage looks dark. In other words, there is no bad that doesn't bring good. Like when Anne said that she still believed that people were good at heart. She still had hope, and hope is the last thing a human being should lose.

Most importantly, I saw that freedom is the most wonderful privilege we have, and I am thankful that I have never felt caged up as a slave bird or other pets. That we should learn off of good not bad, and that you always have something to look forward to, to imagine, to think of in tough times. That is what I got out of Anne Frank's true life story.

Natalia M.

I think that the impact of the whole story never really hit me until I watched *Anne Frank Remembered*. Seeing those people talking about their past and crying on screen really made me think. I feel like crying every time I hear about the movie, book, or the Frank family.

From the movie, *Anne Frank Remembered*, I have learned to never take what I have for granted. In some way, I kind of feel ashamed with myself. I take it for granted that I can play soccer whenever I feel like it. For Heaven's sake I even take going to school for granted. Then I think of the Frank family and how they couldn't do anything they couldn't do about myself whenever I think of that.

Her story has changed me because I learned to live everyday like it's my first. I learned to never know what tomorrow might bring.

"Above all, I still believe people are good at heart."

Afsheen M.

Learning about Anne Frank's life changed the way I will live mine by making me want to live life to the fullest. After reading about her early death made me wonder if I would have enjoyed my life when it is time for me to pass on to the next step of life.

Another way learning about her life changed mine was making me see that everyone is good at heart. Even bad people do what they do because that is what they believe is the right thing to do. "In spite of everything, I still think people are good at heart." This amazes me because after everything the Nazis put her through, she still believed this. Another way is that she made me want to help out other people more like the way she tried to help Peter when he was struggling with his studies or trying to make him believe in something.

Allison H.

"It's an odd idea for someone like me to keep a diary; not only because I have never done so before, but because it seems to me that neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the un-blossoming of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl," wrote Anne Frank, one of Hitler's young victims. Like other Jews living in Amsterdam at the time, she and her family went into hiding after a letter came, ordering her sister, Margot, to go to a work camp. Otto Frank, Anne's father, was afraid for his family and so he arranged for the Frank family and

Van Pels (called Van Daan in Anne's diary), and Mr. Fritz Pfeffer (called Mr. Dussel) to hide in the attic of a friend's office. For a little over two years, they all lived safely until August 4, 1944 when they were reported to the Nazis.

"Mummy is frightfully irritable and that always seems to herald unpleasantness for me." Anne and her mother, despite the circumstances, seemed to provoke each other to an angry outburst. Anne felt misunderstood, and I would believe her mother did as well. Every member of "the Secret Annex" had daily arguments, never thinking that perhaps this was the last time they would be in each other's company. This sends a very clear message: treat everyone as if it was your last time with them. Enjoy their companionship to the fullest. Be more tolerant towards adults, they strive to understand teenagers, and teenagers themselves most likely do not understand adults. If this connection was made before World War II, perhaps the Holocaust would never have happened. Adolf Hitler was beaten by his father.

"I want to go on living even after my death!" This inspiring phrase has been used many times, especially so, because her diary teaches today's youth. If the Holocaust is remembered, it will not happen again. Any attempts to begin another will be immediately smothered. The world must remember; the world is guilty. Guilty for turning their backs and coming to aid after so many innocents had died, their blood staining Adolf Hitler.

Lareeya S.

Anne Frank led an amazing life. She was talented, beautiful, and well liked. Since reading Anne's diary and watching the movie, I changed the way I saw a lot of things. This also interested me about her life and the Holocaust.

Anne Frank's life changed how I am. I've learned to not take life for granted and enjoy the simple things because we won't always have them. It also made me enjoy being a kid and living life to its fullest.

Anne always said she wanted to change the world and be famous for what she writes. Not only did she get that, but she went down as one of the heroes in the Holocaust. She will continue to go down in everyone's history.

Casey D.

Learning about Anne Frank's life helped change how I live mine in many ways. Anne Frank was inspirational, but she also didn't live life to the fullest, and embrace the outside.

When I say she didn't live life to the fullest, I mean that. She stayed inside, went to school, and played very little. In her diary, she doesn't mention sports. In the words of some country star, "live life like you're dying." Today, I have to go to school, run, do sports, and hang out with my friends. In a way I am living life to the fullest, but I am yet to bungee jump and parachute.

Anne Frank didn't embrace the outside. In the 1959 film, before getting caught, she reminisced about the outside with Peter. Nowadays, I run and swim outside. When you stay in a hole, like a hermit, you would give up all hope for freedom.

I learned from Anne Frank to live life to the fullest, and to embrace the outside world. Anne Frank should be remembered for that.

Shelby B.

Anne Frank was a young woman whom many people know today. She has inspired many survivors of the tragic event that Hitler produced and where he ruined many lives. For those who are not quite aware of her life, Anne Frank was 13 years old when she went into hiding with her mother Edith Frank, father Otto Frank, and her older sister Margot Frank. They were in hiding a little over 2 years. She died at the age of 15. She lived an amazing life, tragic, but amazing.

Anne was very passionate about everything she did. She developed a very caring heart for the people around her and her close friends she made not seen or talked to during her time in hiding. For example, during the time when the Franks and the Van Daans and of course Mr. Dussel celebrate Hanukah, Anne was the only one who handed out presents, even to the people that have been rude to her and even though they had nothing to give back to her. Anne has taught me that it isn't about the presents being the most spectacular or most beautiful, but the thought that goes into making them is what counts. Most people give gifts to friends because they like or care about them. No matter how much we change or grow old this will never change. Think about what kind of people they are, what they like about you. Just like Anne said, "I believe that people are good at heart."

Also, Anne never seemed to ever give up or lose faith. Even when they were fighting against themselves, she kept her hopes an head high. Anne father Otto Frank was a very caring kind gentleman. He welcomed another man to "the Secret Annex", to hide with them even though they were already running out of food. Anne is very fond of her father, she doesn't have a very close relationship with her mother and she believes that Margot is Ms Perfect. At the beginning of her diary, she is a snobby little girl, and during her life in hiding she matures greatly and starts to take after her father. On their last day of hiding, Anne follows Peter up into the loft. In the loft, they begin to have a conversation. Anne says,

"You need a god, someone or something to believe in."

Even in dark times, Anne finds hope and tries to bring comfort to the people around up. She refuses to give up.

Furthermore, when Peter and Anne were up in the loft, Peter talked about going crazy and not being able to stand being bottled up any longer. Anne, having matured into young lady, turns to him and says,

"When I feel as if I can't stand one more minute of being bottled up, I think myself outside. "

When I first heard about this, I realized how bad it must have been to have been bottled up. I am very active, so if you put me inside the annex for just a week, I would have gone crazy. Anne has also taught me to cherish and respect the things that I have. Having what I have is a blessing. It's not something that I should take for granted. For Anne, things that we see as insignificant would have held great value for her. Even though Anne Frank no longer alive, her story has been told to many different kinds of people all over the world.

Anne Frank dreamed of being a famous movie star or writer when she grew up. Tragically, that didn't happen, but she did become an inspiration to everyone around the world. She was a young lady who never gave up.

Courtney G.

Anne Frank changed many people's lives. She was optimistic during tough times. She was always trying to make life better for other people.

First of all, Anne says how life can be so wonderful no matter what.

"Little bundle of contradictions, that's how I ended my last letter and that's how I am going to begin this one. "

Anne tries to keep positive. For example, when the Gestapo were just about to discover them, Anne tries to cheer everyone up.

"There you are, that's what's become of you. You are uncharitable, you look supercilious and peevish, people dislike you and all because you won't listen to the advice given you by your own better half."

This meant that people should never be negative even in the darkest times, that people should always listen to what their instincts tell them.

"As long as this exists...and I may live to see it, this sunshine, the cloudless skies, while this lasts, I cannot be unhappy."

People should always enjoy everything as it is. People never really know how wonderful the sky and sun are to look at and how beautiful the trees and flowers are. The

fresh air blowing on your face. Many people just take all of these things for granted. □

In conclusion, I learned from Anne Frank to never take the simple pleasures of life granted. It's truly amazing what you appreciate after taking a moment to enjoy the sunshine and flowers.

Ariel Y.

By learning about Anne Frank's life, it will change the way I live mine. Anne always had a positive outlook on the aspect of things, and was constantly cheerful and seemed to raise the spirits of others when she was present. Although she died at a young age, I am sure that if she had lived through the war, she would have made a huge impact on the world. Her diary, the Anne Frank movie, and the documentary, all made me realize that I wanted to be like this girl, with her strong attitude and happy personality. While she was in the secret annex, she became more mature than she had ever been before. The wisdom of her words seemed far beyond her years. Many teenagers, including me, can relate to some of the hardships Anne went through while in hiding, and can learn a lesson from her wise words.

In the documentary, many people recall that Anne was quite loud and rambunctious but had a cheery nature. She did not really think before she said things, which got her into a lot of trouble in the annex with the Van Daan family and Mr. Dussel. I occasionally do not think before I speak, which usually leads to some disastrous event. By reading this girl's diary, I can remind myself to watch what I say to people.

Anne also did not have a very good relationship with her mother. Teenagers, especially girls, have difficult times with the mothers. However, unlike most female teens, after spending a year in hiding, Anne noticed how immature she was back then, and how rude she was to her mother.

"This morning, when I had nothing to do I turned over some of the pages of my diary and several times I came across letters dealing with the subject Mummy in such a hotheaded way that I was quite shocked, and asked myself: Anne, is that really you who mentioned hate? Oh Anne, how could you!"

Obviously, she had come a long way from when she first received her diary. I can learn from this by being more patient with my own mother and telling myself that she just wants me to grow up in my best interests.

Another one of the comparisons that teenagers can make to Anne's life is what she wrote in one of her last diary entries:

"The cheerful Anne laughs about it, gives cheeky answers, shrugs her shoulders indifferently, behaves as if she doesn't care, but, oh dear me, the quiet Anne's reactions are just the opposite. If I'm to be quite honest, then I must admit that it does hurt me, that I try terribly hard to change myself, but that I'm always fighting against a more powerful enemy

When I read that, I was quite shocked because I knew I was very similar to her. The only difference is that I have split personalities. I am a quiet, shy, reserved, and moody teen at home - sometimes causing my parents to worry about me and wonder what I do at school, as I rarely ever talk about my social life. I have often told myself to brighten up and talk a little more, but it is hard. On the other hand, outside of the house, I am the complete opposite. I am loud and hysterical and talk a lot. Occasionally, I catch myself talking too much, and I try not to chatter as much. But, as Anne says, it really is difficult.

Anne Frank had many educational ideas and thoughts while she was hiding in the secret annex. Through her diary, teenagers all around the world are able to hear her voice and learn many lessons. One of the most valuable teachings of them all is, live life to its fullest, enjoy every moment of it, and appreciate everything you have and what is given to you. I will certainly take those morals into heart and hopefully live by them as I mature into an adult, so some day, I will be able to hand those concepts down to my children and grandchildren.

Alysia O.

Anne Frank's diary is a book that shows how life was different back in World War II makes people respect Anne Frank and the other Jews, and makes modern people appreciate their own lives. But what made this diary special to me was that she was the same age as me, and that it wasn't written to be published, it was written honestly and from the heart. This special book will change the way I live my life forever.

Anne Frank at heart, is exactly like any ordinary girl today. The way she thinks, feels and writes is like every other girl, except the fact that she's in hiding. This makes me think that every girl in history thought alike, except for the fact that they are in different surroundings. When Anne Frank gets mad at her mother, it is just like when my mother argues. This helps me think positive in life and encourage myself that this is normal and I just get back on track again.

Also, this book isn't a story written to inform people, but it's a girl's secret, personal diary. It tells the reader the story from a young girl's perspective. It teaches life lessons that Anne Frank learned. When you read it, you can agree or disagree with Anne. In the future there happens to be another war, I will remember the Anne Frank story and will be more understanding of the people who suffer from the war. I have more knowledge to live by. The Anne Frank Diary affects everybody who reads it.

Younguen N.

In many ways, learning about Anne Frank's life was a great experience and has changed my life positively. When Hitler first came into power, he began forcing Jews into concentration camps. Millions died of starvation, diseases, and from abuse. The Franks were forced into hiding, and Anne brought her diary. She wrote to her imaginary friend, Kees, in which she wrote about her experiences. After she was caught, she died of typhus. Her father, the only survivor of the secret annex, returned and published her diary. It has taught many important lessons and virtues.

First, as Hitler became Germany's chancellor, he soon gained power and impacted peoples' lives. People he did not like were sent to concentration camps or killed. He also brought many people to power. He led the killings of over 6 million Jews. This taught me that one person can have a major impact and change peoples' lives, whether it is negatively or positively. This helped motivate me to try to become a leader and help change lives in a positive way.

Next, Anne Frank once wrote,
"I want to go on living, even after my death."

She got me wondering on how I would like to be remembered even after my death. I want to be remembered and respected after my death. She has helped inspire me to become a better person.

Finally, Anne Frank and millions of other people suffered during World War II because of some opinions of other people. It made me realize, how precious life is. I am very grateful that I am not living during World War II. Now, I treasure every moment of my life.

Anne Frank has impacted my life. She made me realize how precious it is and how one person can impact so many people, negatively or positively. She also got me thinking about how I will be remembered after my death. She has changed my life forever.

Rojin A.

The life of Anne Frank is so sad. It has changed the ways I look at everything I see. Things that never meant much are now amazing. I now take advantage of all that I have. I

can not imagine how horrible it must have been. It is scary to be thinking, every day of your life could be your last. I would be suffocating to be cooped up in a small house for 25 months. There is so much that I learned from her. She went through so much. I want to live my life like she says. She was such an amazing person and what happened to her was so unfair. I wish I knew her because she seemed nice and I want to live my life to the fullest. I think that we should learn from her. We should also learn from our mistakes. I think that her diary shows how strong she is and I hope that I could be as strong as her.

Shivani K.

When I first began reading this book, I thought that it would just be another class book, another pointless story of another girl, but I was mistaken. The story of Anne Frank about a girl filled with life and love, but due to political and religious problems, Anne is stuck in an attic with seven others to live her life for 25 months.

Learning about Anne Frank has really changed my views on everyday life and nature. When I think of the fact that Anne was stuck in an attic for 25 months, not being able to go outside for fresh air, I am very sad. Not being able to see friends, talk to others, and forget everything you were is difficult for a young girl.

In conclusion, learning about Anne Frank has made a big impact on me. Just know the fact that whatever I get everyday is not just a mere item or feeling, but instead a blessing.

Elizabeth L.

After reading The Diary Of Anne Frank I thought of Thanksgiving. Of how I should be thankful of the things I have such as family, food, health, and being free. Anne Frank, however, was not. I couldn't imagine what it feels like to be hated for no reason, or be in jeopardy almost every day. Learning about her life, indeed, will change mine. Being the youngest child in my family. I, like Anne, am somewhat spoiled. To be locked up in the "secret annexe" or over two years would be impossible for me, it is even hard for me to think of it.

"...I don't think I'll ever feel really at home in this house, but that does not mean that I loathe it here...you'd never find such a comfortable hiding place anywhere in Amsterdam no, perhaps not even in the whole of Holland." Even though Anne had to move into a house she did not feel as home, sweet home, she adapted to it quite well. If I were in her position I would be complaining.

After learning about her life, I want to live mine differently. I'll try harder to be more thankful for things I have been given, and stay more positive.

"I want to go on living, even after my death." I'm sure everyone would, especially me. And Anne Frank did just so.

Alex N.

Mr. DeLong asked his class to answer a question based on The Diary of Anne Frank. The question was "How will learning about her life change the way we live ours?" For me, this made me look at certain aspects of my life that I took for granted.

One way her life changed mine was to appreciate life more. To be glad that I'm alive. Knowing that I have opportunities to do what I want to do with my life. Anne never had the opportunity to do what she wanted in her life for one plain and simple reason, she was Jewish. It is really sad that just because she has different skin color, head shape, blood type, and religion that she had no chance to give something to the world such as being a great actress.

Second, her life changed mine because she always found the good in a bad

situation. Whether it was singing a song after the robber heard them and ran away or being the only one to give presents during Hanukkah when they were in a cramped, hiding place. When something bad happens to me in life, I never try to find the good in it. I just think of how much it sucks. Anne could have done the same thing I do, but she decided not to. She decided that since she was going to live there for a while, she was going to make the best of it.

Finally, her life changed mine because she taught me never to give up in life. Always trying my best. Whether it's in sports, or getting along with my parents. To never give up on my dreams and hopes in life. Anne could have given up in life and killed herself. But instead she never gave up because she always thought maybe, just maybe, I'm going to get out of this.

In conclusion, Anne Frank changed and persuaded how I should live my life. She showed me to appreciate life, to find the best in a bad situation, and to never give up on myself. I hope that her life influenced yours as it did mine.

Brian H.

Learning about Anne Frank's life will change the way we live ours because we now know what the Nazis did to the Jews. We also know we can prevent another group like the Nazis to break out. People now know how the Franks lived their lives during W.W.II. Our life changed because we now know how Anne felt during W.W.II. We can feel just like her. Everybody knows what concentration camps are like. We can prevent another concentration camp from happening.

Aileen T.

Learning about Anne Frank's life changed the way I lived mine. Learning about her life mostly changed the what I thought about things. Anne Frank was stuck living in a room filled with other people. She did not get what she wanted every time and was not fed much food. When I learned what she had to live through, it made me feel that I should be more grateful. I also thought that I should be kinder to my parents.

First, learning about Anne Frank's life made me think that I should be more grateful for what I have. Instead of always wanting more or wanting everything my way, I should think I really need those things. Everything can't end up the way you always want it to be. I thought that I should be more concerned about the people who don't even have any homes or food at all while we have all the food we can eat. Anne Frank couldn't have as much food as she wanted and she didn't have a very comfortable place to stay at. She had to share the same room with someone she didn't even like that much.

Second, learning about Anne Frank's life made me think that I should be nicer to my parents. My parents give me a comfortable home, good food to eat, and buy me things I need or sometimes buy me things I want. In return, I should be kinder to them, do well in sports/school, and help around the house. Anne Frank wasn't as kind to her mother as she was to her father.

Vanessa R.

Anne Frank was an amazing girl, She was thoughtful, and optimistic. Unlike many girls, Anne wrote exactly how everything was. She was truthful in her diary, which has affected this world. Because of her thoughtfulness and tragic ordeal, we have benefited deeply.

I think that after reading her diary, our class has opened its eyes to the truth of the Holocaust. Having a personal documentation has been of much greater value than just another book of facts. In her diary, she gives emotion and life to the world, and shows us a world that was all too real. Learning about the life she was forced to live has made me view

life much more differently.

Now I want to be able to live life to the fullest; to live a life that she could not. When I think of her, I think of a strong, and fearless girl who took what was forced at her with grace and understanding. This is how I would much like to be. I would like to be able to take tragedy and faults without feeling sorry for myself. Reading the thoughts of a girl whose life was cut short has made me realize that I need to be grateful of the time I have here.

HJ B.

Reading Anne Frank's diary will change my life in a couple of ways. To start with, Anne is an inspiration to all. How she lived her life in the confinements of the secret annex without going insane is something that I still cannot figure out. Also, being able to keep a diary so well is really hard. I admire her for her ability to consistently write in her diary day after day. Last of all, she is an inspiration to live my life differently. She always strived for something bigger and better.

Anne is an inspiration. Not just for me, but for people all around the world striving to make a difference. For myself, living in my current conditions, I would never be able to stay in the confinement of a small hiding place for 25 months. Anne went through this, never really complaining about being stuck in the annex or about not having a normal food supply. She never really complained about not being able to go outside or not being able to open windows. She never really complained about these things out loud to be (as far as we know). However, she was always able to call upon her diary in her times of need. I would never be able to do this. Anne had enough courage to survive and keep her sanity at the same time. She was quite a person who influenced most of the people who read her diary.

Anne was able to keep her diary throughout her whole time in the annex:

"I haven't written for a few days because I wanted first of all to think about my diary."

Anne really liked her diary and did a great job of keeping it over the years. From my experiences, I have not been able to keep a diary for more than one week. It is amazing that even during her time outside of hiding she was able to keep her diary in order for as long as she did.

To finish with, Anne is an inspiration in another way. She always strives for something better. She wanted to be something great and be noticed for all her minor or major achievements. This was something she's always wanted to do.

"I want to keep living, even after my death."

This was Anne's most famous line taken from her diary. This statement is so small but it is so powerful. This influences me to strive for my goals and to not settle for anything less. It has also made me realize that I also want to go on living even after my own death, that I want to be remembered for something when I'm gone.

Anne influenced a lot of people. I am amazed that she was able to stay in the confinements of the annex for so long without going insane. Lastly, she has influenced me to work hard to achieve my goals and be remembered after my death.

Brandon K.

To really know how it felt to be living in a very compact area for 2 years, you would have to be Anne Frank. But after reading her diary and watching two movies about you, you get a pretty good idea of how it was. She was jealous of the birds because they were free to go anywhere they wanted.

In her book, Anne says that whenever she felt sad, she would imagine herself in nature. She says that the best thing about imagining that you are outside is that you can have any flowers you like. Whenever we feel like going outside, we can just walk out of the house.

This book made me appreciate all of the things that I have. Such as being able to

talk whenever I want, except for when I'm in class, of course. Also, we can get help with school work. For example, if I had trouble with a grammar question, I could ask Mr. DeLor but if Peter had a problem, he could not get help.

After reading the book, I will never look at things the same way again. I think that I appreciate the things I am able to do much more.

Tiffany C.

The incredible and hard life the Jews experienced during Hitler's reign, in W.W.II, was very terrifying and a great number of Jews lost their lives and their families. Among the millions of Jews that died tragically, a young girl, Anne Frank, was one of Hitler's most famous victims. Although she passed away at a young age or 15, she left behind an item which proved her very existence, and enlightened millions about her life in hiding-her legacy, her diary.

As soon as Anne received her diary, which she addressed to as Kitty, she poured all her thoughts into the little plain book. She began her diary by discussing her family and school and friends, and the rest were about her life in hiding. Her detailed descriptions about hiding seems unbearable. Though all the rules and many problems arising, Anne was still able to say "I still think people are good at heart." Although I may not think like her, it lets me realize there are still people good in the world. Her happiness to finally be outside were probably one of the last things the Jews were thing. I am constantly outside in the fresh air and it is because of Anne that I have finally realized how lucky I am to be outside and free. Anne Frank may not be around now, but she left a legacy behind.

In conclusion, Anne Frank has allowed me to see things differently. First, I can finally see the good in people, even if we don't get along. Second, I am able to see how lucky I am to be outside. It is amazing what one teenage girl can do.