

Close-Reading Questions for “The Girl Who Lived Forever”

Section 1: Introduction (p. 6)

1. What was Anne wearing?
2. Why did Anne feel foolish?
3. Why were the Franks in grave danger?
4. What decision did the Franks make?
5. Why did the Franks have to wear all their clothing?

Central idea: _____

Section 2: “A Terrifying Regime” (pp. 6-7)

1. In what ways was Anne an “ordinary girl”? Give two examples.
2. What regime did Anne live through?
3. Give two reasons why Jewish people were in danger under the Nazi regime.
4. Why did the Franks move when Hitler came to power?
5. Was this a good choice at first? Why or why not?

Central idea: _____

Section 3: “Invasion!” (pp. 7-8)

1. Describe what happened in 1940 to make the Franks’ lives more frightening.
2. What were the “whispers” about?
3. Why was it so difficult for Jewish people to escape Nazi occupied countries?
4. What did Anne’s father decide the family would do?
5. What made the annex the “perfect place for the Franks to hide”?

Central idea: _____

Sections 4 & 5: “Living in Fear” and “Fragile Hope” (pp. 8-9)

1. List two details that show the reader that much work was done to prepare the annex for Anne and her family.
2. Eight people hid in the annex, but business in the warehouse went on as usual. How was this possible?
3. What was Anne’s “sole comfort”? How did it help her?
4. Helpers snuck into the annex with food and other provisions. What else did they “bring” with them?
5. How were the helpers risking their own lives? Why might they have done so?

Central idea: _____

Sections 6 & 7: “My Courage is Reborn” and “Betrayed” (pp. 9-10)

1. What did Anne write about in her diary?
2. What did Anne vow to become? Why?
3. Why did Anne keep a diary?
4. What happened in August 1944?
5. Why did Miep Gies keep Anne’s diary?

Central idea: _____

Section 8: “Something Precious” (p. 10)

1. What did Miep give Otto when he returned to the annex?
2. What did Miep mean when she told Otto that now Anne’s words now belonged to him?
3. How did Otto honor Anne’s wish?
4. Anne wrote: “I shall work in the world for mankind.” How have her words come true?
5. How has Anne’s diary “given voice to those silenced by the Holocaust”?

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