

CLASS NOTES

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Subject: ENGLISH

Topic: Chapter 4 (FIRST FLIGHT)
From The Diary Of Anne Frank.

Thinking about the text.

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

A) Yes, Anne was right in saying so because most of the people don't give importance to a child's perspective considering them to be too immature.

However, Anne Frank & her diary became one of the most discussed of all holocaust victims. Her 'diary' has been translated into many languages.

Q2. Compare other 'diaries' or 'journals' with Anne Frank's diary.

What language was it originally written in?

In what way is Anne's diary different?

A) It is different as it is more like a 'memoir' i.e a record of a person's own life or experiences.
It was originally written in Dutch.
It has an informal tone which shows that it was written by a teenager.

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

A) Anne gives a brief sketch because she wants her readers to realise how lonely she was despite the presence of so many members in her family.
Anne treats/considers kitty as her best friend and therefore was an insider.

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Q4. How does Anne feel about her father, her grandmother, Mrs. Kuperus and Mr. Keessing? What do these tell you about her?

A) Anne has fond memories of her father and all the above characters who have left indelible impressions on her mind and in some way affected her life a lot. These tell us that Anne was very good at understanding people and developing interpersonal relations.

Q5. What does Anne write in her first essay?

A) When Anne was given a punishment to write an essay on the topic 'A Chatterbox', she wrote that she can't stop herself from talking as it is in her genes (mother is also very talkative). She further argued that 'talking' is a student's trait and cannot be given up. Even her teacher, Mr. Keessing laughed at the argument given.

Q6. Anne says teachers are most unpredictable? Justify/How?

A) Anne says teachers are unpredictable because initially he was irritated with Anne, then laughs looking at her essay & finally allows her to talk in the class.

Q7. What do these statements tell you about Anne Frank as a person?

(i) 'We don't seem to be each other' - (Pg 50)

A) Anne is reserved.

(ii) I don't friend - (Pg 50)

A) Anne is self-confident and inventive

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- (iii) Margot went to Holland..... present for Margot. (Pg 51)
- Ans) Anne is humorous.
- (iv) If you ask me... on earth. (Pg 52)
- Ans) Anne is intelligent.
- (v) Anyone could ramble... necessity of talking. (Pg 52)
- A) Anne had a sense of right & wrong and the skill of convincing others with valid arguments.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS. (EXTRA QUESTIONS)

- Q1. How did Anne want her diary to be different?
- A) She did not want to merely jot down the facts as most people do. She wanted the diary to be her friend, called it 'Kitty', wrote about her feelings and experiences which reflected her deep insight.
- Q2. Why was the entire class quaking in its boots?
- A) The time for declaring the annual results were coming closer. Soon a meeting would be held, teacher would decide whom to pass and whom to refrain. That is why the whole class was shivering with fright.

Reference To The Context. (Extra Question)

- 'That evening..... traits.' (Pg 52)
 - What is the main feature of an essay according to Anne?
 - What does the idiom 'caught my eye' mean?
 - What do you understand by 'inherited traits'?
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Ans) The main feature of an essay, according to Anne, was to give convincing arguments in support of the topic.

b) 'Caught my eye' means to attract attention.

c) It means a particular quality of one's personality which one inherits from parents.

Value Based Question (Extra Question)

Q1. Paper has more patience than people. - Justify.

A) → People feel bored and become impatient when others talk about their problem.

→ We can share both happy & sad feelings.

→ Paper does not react, as people do.

→ It is trustworthy & does not reveal your secret to others.

→ Never gets bored, never fails to stop writing.

→ You can find solace even in your saddest moment.
[Expand the above points].

Q2. Write a detailed character sketch of Mr Keessing, Anne's maths teacher.

→ Mr Keessing was an old maths teacher at Anne's school.

→ He remained annoyed with Anne for her talkative nature.

→ He was very strict by nature but was not rigid.

→ When he read Anne's essays with arguments about her being talkative and her poem, he was delighted and found it funny.

→ He too got infected by Anne's sense of humour.

→ He took the joke in a right way & even allowed her to talk. This shows he was a lovable character. [Expand]

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