

# **Student Essay on The Diary of Anne Frank**

## **The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank**

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# Essay

## The Diary of Anne Frank

At age 13 Anne Frank was more than a young fresh teenage girl, she was strong-willed, confused, punished for all the wrong reasons, yet still so positive in life. Within the book "the diary of Anne Frank" we are able to be enlightened on the feelings she felt, pain she went through, and life she was forced to lead during the terrors of World War 2. To anyone who thinks that one person doesn't make a difference, look at the impact and enlightenment Anne Frank shared by merely writing a diary she received for her birthday.

The book begins with the first entry written, June 14, 1942, Anne's thirteenth birthday. It continues to tell about the hours before when Anne, her family, and other members of the "secret Annex" were arrested by Gestapo. Anne's details and first hand experience let us know how things actually happened and how they were difficult to go through and understand. She described to us how the 6 inhabitants of the secret annex lived in the attic of a building for 2 whole years surviving on rotten potatoes and small portions of soup beans, stifling their sounds of life and cringing at every single unfamiliar noise. This book is a privilege to us, we can see inside Anne's mind, relate our dreams to hers, and compare our luxurious lives to her unpleasant and unprivileged life.

Within this book we feel Anne's longings to be in the world outside of her attic, to learn, to love, and to share the life of others. We empathized with her impatience at having to share a tiny bedroom with a middle-aged dentist, and we laugh at her characterizations of the life in the annexe, even when they are tinged with the unfairness of adolescence.

Anne wanted to leave something of herself to live on after she lost her life to the captive war, and she left her diary. This diary has been enlightenment to millions, and I believe that is what Anne wanted or intended when leaving this.