

The topic of our History Day project is Anne Frank and how her diary has communicated her experience throughout the Holocaust. We chose the idea because we know how much insight Anne's Diary has given us on the conditions during the 1940s. There were eight people tucked away in the Secret Annex including Anne, her parents, sister, and four more. Over the course of 761 days, Anne wrote about what she did and the rules she had to follow, but little did she know that every word she wrote down would make history.

We found several secondary sources that helped better our understanding of Anne Frank's short-lived life. We found that Anne was given her diary on her 13th birthday, she communicated with her friend while at the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp, and much more. The most important article we read was "Who Was Anne Frank?" written by Anne Frank House because it is what kicked off our knowledge of Anne Frank and led us to other websites.

Throughout all of our research, we only used a few primary sources. One primary source is a book containing all of Anne's diary entries called *The Diary of a Young Girl*. The book provided essential information in our project. We found out that Anne's parents knew that they might end up going into hiding for a little while before they actually did, and that Anne did not know where she would end up when she left to go into hiding. The second primary source we used is a video. The video is called "Anne Frank's only existing film images" published by the

Anne Frank House. The third primary source we used was a video about how Anne's loved ones reacted to the news of Anne and Margot's death. This source is called "Miep Gies and Anne Frank's Legacy" (Anne Frank House). All of these sources provided us with great information.

Our experience with building the website was very difficult, but we managed to create an informational website in the end. We faced difficulties like pages deleting, pages getting mixed around, and it was just confusing overall most of the time. To get past these dilemmas we recreated our pages, moved our pages around, and experimented with the website. Our biggest helper when there were technical difficulties was Mrs. Ross. She was always one click away and knew how to solve our problems. It was helpful to do all of our research before starting the website, and it saved us so much time to have all of our information in a different place besides the website incase of technical difficulties.

Our topic connects well to this year's theme "Communication in History." Anne Frank wrote in her diary every day while hiding in the Secret Annex providing us with insight on her life and communicating what she dealt with, being paranoid everyday that she could be ripped away from her family. Anne's diary was released to the world by her dad. He wanted to share her experience in hiding and hoped that her diary would have an impact on our world.