

**Summer Reading Questions**  
**English I Honors**  
***The Diary of a Young Girl—Anne Frank***

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions in complete sentences. You should clearly number your answers and write your answers in complete sentences unless otherwise stated. Please do not type answers. Write clearly and legibly on loose leaf. Summer reading questions will be due on the third full day of class. Failure to turn questions in on the due date will result in a loss of one letter grade per day late. Keep in mind that some questions may be opinion questions; if that's the case, then there is no right or wrong answer! Just tell me what you think. Answer questions to the best of your ability, and I'll see you in August!

**June 4, 1942-January 7, 1944**

1. Explain what Anne means when she states that paper is more patient than man. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
2. What does Anne name her diary? Why does she name it this?
3. Why do the Franks emigrate to Holland?
4. Why does Harry end his relationship with Fanny?
5. When Anne packs to go into hiding, she writes, "Memories mean more to be than dresses." What does she mean by this? Do you agree or disagree?
6. How does Anne feel about her mother? Provide at least one specific example to support your answer.
7. Describe Anne's relationship with her father. Who does Anne feel a closer connection to, her mother or her father?
8. Who is the first to allow Mr. Dussel to work on their teeth?
9. Who are the soup eaters?
10. What happens to Peter in the attic? Be specific.
11. How does Mummy feel when Anne says she doesn't want her to say prayers with her?
12. Identify at least three of the hardships that Anne mentions on page 79. Do you think these are serious problems? Why or why not?
13. On page 83, Anne states, "As the Benjamin of the family in hiding, I am really more honored than I deserve." What does she mean by this?
14. Why does Dussel say no to Anne's request to use the table twice a week in the evenings? Why is the table so important to Anne?
15. Why does Anne mention that Dussel is 54 years old?
16. What does Moushie give them?
17. What is one reason why the Van Daan's are arguing?
18. Why does Anne sleep on the divan more now (see page 113)?
19. Margot asks Daddy if he would like to give Anne a children's Bible for Chanuka so Anne could find out more about the New Testament. What does this moment imply about the family's religious convictions?
20. Why is it significant that Anne writes about her fountain pen being cremated? What might this foreshadow (provide a clue)?

**January 12, 1944-April 4, 1944**

1. Provide at least one reason why Margot seems to be sweeter and less catty.
2. Whom does Anne think Peter belongs to? Why?
3. Explain why Anne's feelings about the Van Daan's change.
4. Why is Anne noisy and boisterous?
5. What do you think Peter thinks of Anne? Explain your answer and provide a reason from the text

that supports your answer.

6. Identify one characteristic about Peter that attracts Anne.
7. What does Anne say she does and doesn't want from people?
8. What is gone to never return?
9. How does Anne say to deal with misery or unhappiness? How does Mummy say to deal with this?
10. What war rages inside of Anne?
11. What are the little children of Holland now doing?
12. On page 197, Anne says she wants to go on living even after her death. Do you think that has happened? Why or why not?

### **April 11, 1944-July 21, 1944**

1. Why does Anne say they were protected by God?
2. How do the characters react to not being found by the secret police?
3. Identify the two characteristics Anne says she must require of herself .
4. What does Anne say helps her keep her head about water?
5. Explain the significance of the date April 15, 1944.
6. Describe the heat the family feels in the secret annex.
7. Who is getting too familiar with Mrs. Van Daan?
8. Explain the significance of June 6, 1944. How does this day make the characters feel?
9. Identify at least two traits of Peter's that disappoint Anne.
10. Does Anne feel like she knows her father on a personal basis? Why or why not? Be specific.
11. In your opinion, how does Anne change during her time in hiding?
12. Describe how Anne and the others must have felt at being found by the secret police.
13. On May 22, 1944, Anne wrote, "What one Jew does reflects on all Jews." Create your own definition of a stereotype. What stereotypes from this book still exist, and what new stereotypes have formed since this book's publication?

### **Afterword**

1. What did Emperor Kaiser do after WWI?
2. Who established the German Republic after WWI?
3. Who drafted the Treaty of Versailles? Was Germany allowed to participate in drafting the Treaty?
4. Where were many of the concentration camps located, and how many people were killed by the Germans?
5. Ernst Shnabel wrote, "Her voice was preserved out of the millions that were silenced...it has outlasted the shouts of the murderers and has soared above the voices of time." In what ways do you think this is true? Why do you think Anne's book has remained so significant even in modern times? What lessons can modern readers learn from this book?