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## The Girl in Hiding

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"Anne, we must go now! Grab your treasures; take only the things you can't bear to leave behind. We're not safe here anymore." Anne Frank heard those words from her father one day in the summer of 1942. The Franks were a Jewish family. They were living in Amsterdam, trying to avoid Hitler and his horrible army. Hitler hated all Jews. He told lies about them. He sent them to prison camps and made them work very hard. Many Jewish people died. It was a sad and scary time.



Anne's family had already moved once. They had moved from Germany to the Netherlands to avoid Hitler and his regime. Now they were being forced to move once more. This time they wouldn't leave the country, but they would leave the life they had known. They were moving to a secret annex. Mr. Frank had prepared a small hiding place for his family in the building where he worked.

Living in hiding was very hard! People worked in the office building during the day, so Anne and her family could not make any noise. They had to remain very still. They could not flush the toilet. They could only talk in hushed whispers. While Anne was not allowed to talk much during the day, she could write all day long. That is exactly what she did. Anne kept a diary of her time in hiding. She wrote about her hopes, fears, and dreams.

The Franks, along with four other people, hid in the annex for more than two years. Sadly, one day their safe spot was raided, and the refugees were seized. They were taken away to different prison camps. Anne and her older sister, Margot, became very sick at their prison camp. Hitler's workers would not help sick people. They would not give them any medicine. In early 1945, Anne and Margot died. Their mother, Edith, also passed away. Mr. Frank was the only member of the family to survive. On June 3, 1945, he returned home. He was very sad and felt very alone. One of the friends who had

helped the Franks during their stay in the annex surprised him with a gift. It was Anne's diary.

While he could no longer see his daughter's smile or hear her laughter, he could read her written words and cling to the same book that she had once held. In 1947, Anne's diary was published. Now the rest of the world is able to read about Anne's difficult life. Anne Frank was much more than a girl in hiding; she was a brave and courageous young lady.

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### Questions

1. Why did Mr. Frank feel sad and alone when he returned home in 1945?

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2. What was the effect of the Franks' hiding place being discovered?

- A. They were forced to move to Amsterdam.
- B. They were sent back to their home.
- C. They went to work in the office building.
- D. They were seized and sent to prison camps.

3. What can the reader infer after reading this passage?

- A. It was fun to live in a small annex.
- B. Prison guards were kind to the Jews.
- C. Anne did not write very often.
- D. Jewish people did not like Hitler.

4. The author probably wrote this passage to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. persuade you to move to Amsterdam
- B. demonstrate how to hide in a small space
- C. inform you about Anne Frank and her family
- D. describe how to keep a diary

