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“A Tragedy Revealed: A Heroine’s Last Days”

1. After interviewing over 40 people who knew Anne, what conclusion did the author draw about Anne Frank’s spirit and will?
2. What claim does the author make on pg. 2, paragraph 10? What does this reveal about his purpose for writing this essay?
3. What is **ersatz** (fake / artificial) coffee? Why did the Franks drink this?
4. Who was the one who was forced to open the bookcase that hid the secret annex?
5. At the time this was written, how old was Otto Frank, and where was he living?
6. Does the impression of the author’s description of Otto Frank surprise you? Or does it reinforce the idea that you had of him from the play?
7. What was Mr. Frank doing when the annex was raided?
8. What did the policeman do with the leather briefcase that contained Anne’s diary and papers? Why didn’t he take the diary?
9. Who is suspected as giving away the location of the secret annex to the police? What ever became of this person?
10. Were the occupants of the annex aware that the war was coming to a close? Explain.
11. How did the occupants of the annex react when the police arrived? Is this surprising? Why or why not?
12. What happened to the occupants of the annex at Gestapo headquarters? How long were they kept here?
13. Suddenly, the group was moved. Where? How did they get there?
14. How was Westerbork difficult?
15. Why was Anne relatively happy at Westerbork, despite the difficulties?
16. How do Mrs. de Wiek’s observations about Anne support the author’s key statements
17. What was Mrs. Frank’s reaction to her imprisonment? Margot’s?
18. How long was Anne at Westerbork? Where were they sent next?
19. Why did Mr. de Wiek tell his wife “thank you” over and over on the journey to Auschwitz?
20. What happened to Mr. de Wiek?
21. What kinds of things did Anne do at Auschwitz that showed her leadership qualities?
22. Why didn’t the SS select Anne and Margot to work in the munitions factory in Czechoslovakia?
23. What happened to Mrs. Frank? Peter? Mr. Dussel?
24. Where did Anne, Margot and Mrs. Van Daan end up going?
25. When was the last time Lies Goosens, one of Anne’s friends, saw her? What kind of shape was she in?
26. What disease killed Anne, Margot and Mrs. Van Daan?
27. What did Anne’s diary do for the millions of silenced victims?