A collection of activities inviting you to learn more about Anne’s story, the Holocaust and the devastating impact of prejudice and discrimination.

For young people aged 9-13 years old
The hiding place is behind Otto Frank’s factory. For the next two years the Frank’s will hide with four other people, completely cut off from the outside world.

A. INHABITANTS

The Annexe is an ideal place to hide in. It may be damp and lopsided, but there’s probably not a more comfortable hiding place in all of Amsterdam. Anne Frank

The inhabitants wouldn’t have been able to survive for so long without the help of some extremely brave office workers; who took great risks in supporting those in hiding.

B. THE HELPERS

Why do you think the helpers kept the secret and chose to look after the inhabitants?

How exactly did they help the inhabitants?
Life in hiding was difficult for everyone, with arguments and misunderstandings happening frequently. Anne took even more comfort in her diary as time went on.

Anne wanted to write a book about their time in hiding. What did she want to call it?

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Not being able to go outside upsets me more than I can say, and I’m terrified our hiding place will be discovered and that we’ll be shot. Anne Frank

D. LIFE IN HIDING

T / F Peter Van Pels brought his dog into the hiding place.
T / F Anne had to share her room with Fritz the dentist.
T / F During the day they couldn’t move around, talk or flush the toilet.
T / F There was only one entrance/exit to the Annexe.
T / F The inhabitants were able to go outside once a day.

THE 15TH JULY 1944

“I hear the approaching thunder.” Anne wrote this in one of her final diary entries. She had a bad feeling about what would happen. She also wrote in this entry: “I believe people are truly good at heart.” Despite all the bad things that were happening she still had hope in humanity.
THE ARREST
On Friday 4 August 1944 Karl Josef Silberbauer, an Austrian Nazi, and a group of Dutch police officers raid the hiding place. The worst fears of the inhabitants come true. They are given just enough time to pack their bags. In the process Silberbauer grabs a briefcase and shakes out the contents so he can use it to take away any valuables. Anne’s diary and papers fall onto the floor. The inhabitants and some of the helpers are taken away for questioning.

It was widely thought the inhabitants had been betrayed. However, recent evidence has come to light that suggests they weren’t betrayed at all, and that they were found by chance. Take this opportunity to do your own research and come to your own conclusion on whether or not they were betrayed.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Were the inhabitants betrayed or was it bad luck?

PUT AN X TO SHOW YOUR VIEW AND EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS BELOW

I think this because...