

CLASS-X- ENGLISH

LESSON-4

**FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK
BY ANNE FRANK**

MODULE-1

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INTRODUCTION

- This lesson 'From the Diary of Anne Frank' is an excerpt from the novel 'Diary of a Young Girl' or 'the Diary of Anne Frank', written by Anne Frank. It is an autobiography that was published in 1947.
- In this, Anne expressed her thoughts in a diary which was gifted to her on her thirteenth birthday. She named the diary "Kitty" which she considered her only true friend. She mentioned about her childhood, her family and a lot other things that she told no one else.

The most moving personal document

- Anne's diary is a remarkable account of the last two years in the life of a thirteen year old Jewish girl forced to live in hiding in Amsterdam, during World War 2.
- The diary contained her innermost thoughts, her beliefs, her moods, her observations on people around her. The descriptions gave a glimpse of Anne, a keen observer, a girl with a flair to write with humour.



WRITING IN A DIARY IS A STRANGE EXPERIENCE

- The author feels that it's strange and unusual for her to write in a diary about her feelings and experiences because it was the first time she was doing it.
- She thinks that in future, no one would be interested in reading about a young school going girl's past. Even, she herself will not be interested in reading it.
- But she puts these thoughts away and decides to write because there were a lot of thoughts she had been holding on to lately and she needed to get them off her mind.

PAPER HAS MORE PATIENCE THAN PEOPLE

- The author is of the opinion that paper has much more capacity to absorb thoughts than people. People have low patience levels but a piece of paper, being a non-living thing, would not refuse her thoughts.
- This realization came to her one day when she was feeling more sad and confused than usual. She could not even decide whether to go out or stay at home. She finally stayed where she was, brooding: 'Yes, paper does have more patience.'

MY FATHER-THE MOST ADORABLE

- Anne refers to her father as the most lovable father one could get. Modest, loving, a peace maker, who wanted the best for his daughters. He wanted Anne to be happy and not worry too much about her studies, though he never forgot to make his daughters study and keep with what was taught in school.
- Ann thought her father was a darling who got annoyed with her sometimes for five minutes on end. He always defended her in all situations.

ANNE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HER MOTHER

- Anne's relationship with her mother was of a complex and complicated nature. Ann felt that she did not fit in with them. she saw her mother as being very sentimental. She felt detached from her; there was a gap in understanding between the two.
- Anne could not stand her mother because she thought her mother was not interested in what went on in her daughter's mind. Anne believed that her mother, inspite of being well educated, did not know much about the world and did not care for it either. Anne realized that her mother was not an ideal mother who would support her emotionally.

THE DIARY IS A REFLECTION OF ANNE'S COURAGE

- Confined to a secret Annex for two years, with fear, hunger, boredom and a constant threat of discovery and death, the bravest of the people would have given in to despair and grief.
- But Anne's diary is an amazing proof of a sensitive and courageous girl. Her true spirit always appeared at every crisis.
- At every step, she pulled herself up and never gave up her goals, her ambition to live and be known as a writer.

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