Reading Guide for

Anne Frank Remembered, by Miep Gies

To check your comprehension, answer the following questions during or after reading.

Prologue

1. What was the author’s motivation in writing this account?

2. Some of the names of persons involved were changed for this account. What influenced the author’s choice of names?

3. What are some of the challenges for the author writing this account so long after the events took place?

PART ONE: REFUGEES

Chapter 1

4. Where does the author live at the start of the story?

5. Where was the author born?

6. How is it that the author comes to Holland?

7. How long was the author intended to stay in Holland?

8. How did she learn the Dutch language?

9. What Dutch winter pastime did not agree with the author?

Chapter 2

10. How did the author, Miep, first meet Otto Frank?
11. What was the name of Mr. Frank’s company, and what sort of business was it?

12. What did Miep do in her new job?

13. Who was Victor Kraler?

14. Who were the members of Mr. Frank’s family? Where were they he lived in a hotel?

15. Why did Otto Frank relocate to Holland from Germany?

16. When Miss Heel, the ill office worker Miep had temporarily replaced, returned to work, what happened to Miep?

17. Miss Heel was a member of the NSB. What was the NSB?

18. How does Miep come to know Henk Gies?

19. Who do Miep and Henk meet when the Franks invite them to dinner the first time? List details about these two characters:

20. What other facts did they learn about Mr. Frank’s past?

Chapter 3

21. How did Miep and Henk travel around the city (like most Dutch people)?

22. How does the author react to the news that Hitler had marched into Vienna?

23. What new document was Miep given at her next annual visit to the Alien’s Department? Why?

24. Who visits Miep at home a few weeks later? What does she want, and how does Miep respond?

25. What was the “Crystal Night”? Where did it take place, and what happened?

26. Who was Herman van Daan, and what was his role at Travies and Compay and Pectacon?

27. Who attended the Saturday gatherings at the Frank’s home? What was the main conversation when the children were not in the room?
Chapter 4

28. When Miep and Henk decided to find an apartment and get married, what obstacles stood in the way?
29. Where was the new building for Travies and Company, and what was its address?
30. What event on April 6, 1940 gave the author hope?

Chapter 5

31. What does the author hear in her sleep, and what does it turn out to be?
32. How does the city of Amsterdam react to the news?
33. Who was Mrs. Samson, and how was it that her rooms came to be available?
34. How did life begin to change for Jews in Amsterdam?
35. The word *razia* is Dutch for ____________?
36. After 400 Jewish men were seized from the old Jewish Quarter, what happened to them?
37. How did the Dutch show their collective disapproval of the Nazi policies (for three days)?
38. What was the result of the summons the author received?
39. What was Miep’s plan to avoid this predicament? What obstacle stood in her way, and how did her uncle help?
40. Why were Miep and Henk nervous on their wedding day?

Chapter 6

41. List the anti-Jewish laws that were popping up in Amsterdam.
42. What change did Mr. Frank wisely make to his business as a result?
43. Why was the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 good news to the author?
44. As more and more Jews were banned from their jobs, what did the Germans organize “to the East” for them?
45. What were all Jews required to wear?

46. What is the plan that Otto Frank divulges to Miep at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 7

47. Because of the yellow star, what myths did some Dutch children unlearn when seeing Jews among them?

48. Where does Mr. Van Daan take Miep unexpectedly?

49. What event caused the Franks to go into hiding sooner than planned?

50. Why was the author surprised when she saw the hiding rooms for the first time?

PART TWO: IN HIDING

Chapter 8

51. Why did Miep and Henk visit the Franks’ apartment? What did they learn?

52. Who were the children and what did Henk and Miep do with them?

53. Why, after all, had Mr. Van Daan taken Miep to the butcher those times?

54. How was the entrance to the annex hidden (Mr. Frank’s idea)?

Chapter 9

55. How frequently did Miep visit the people in hiding? What did she bring? What about Henk?

56. What did Miep learn when she spent the night in the Annex?

Chapter 10

57. Why was Dr. Dussel unable to take advantage of the safe offer? Why did Otto Frank and company reconsider?
58. What was the mood in the Annex near the end of 1942?

59. What holiday did the children in hiding enjoy celebrating even though they were Jewish? Why?

Chapter 11

60. What news on February 2 1943 did Miep find uplifting (that took place in Stalingrad)?

61. With the war starting to turn, what was the new threat for the people in hiding?

62. What was the difference between a black J and a red J? What did a Jew have to do to have a red J on his identity card?

63. What did Henk and Miep agree to do for Mrs. Samson?

Chapter 12

64. Why did Miep suggest the risk of Anne leaving the hiding place for an hour? Did Anne leave?

65. What gift did Miep bring Anne to help her feel pretty as she grew up in hiding?

66. Why were non-Jewish Dutch men being rounded up by the Nazis?

67. What secret did Henk divulge to his wife?

68. Where did Berry come from, and how long was he to stay?

Chapter 13

69. Describe the mood in the Annex in the winter of 1943.

70. What did Miep and company anxiously await from the Allies?

71. Why was the burglary a threat?

72. What was Omnia, and why did it pose a problem for Henk and Miep?

Chapter 14

73. Why was the butcher’s wife at the shop one day?

74. What secret did Peter ask of Miep? Why?
75. What was Hitler’s tone by the summer of 1944?

PART THREE: THE DARKEST DAYS

Chapter 15

76. Why did Jo Koophuis give Miep the keys?
77. How did Henk avoid capture?
78. How did Miep avoid capture?
79. What did Miep do when she returned to the Annex?
80. Why does Miep visit Gestapo headquarters? What was the result?

Chapter 16

81. How did Dutch railway workers strike at the Nazis?
82. Why had Jo Koophuis been freed?
83. Where did Miep have to go to get food?
84. What happened in Amsterdam the night the Germans had finally lost the war?

Chapter 17

85. Why didn’t Henk want to celebrate?
86. Troops from which country liberated Amsterdam?
87. Who returned from the camps? Who did not? Why was there hope for Margot and Anne?
88. What news did Otto Frank receive by letter from a nurse in Rotterdam?

Chapter 18

89. How did the war influence Miep’s belief in God?
90. Where did Mr. Frank live?
91. How did Anne’s diary come to be published? When did Miep finally read it?

Epiologue

92. Who betrayed the Franks and those hiding in the Annex with them?

93. What does Mr. Frank say when told that Miep is considered a suspect for the betrayal?

For Reflection

List the people who stood up for the Franks and others who were persecuted during the story. What were their motivations? Why did they put themselves at such great risk to stand up for others?

For More Information

To learn more about Anne, her diary, and the museum that is currently on the site of the Annex on the Prinsengracht, go to http://www.annefrank.org/