## **ACTIVITY 1: FORTUNE LINE**

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

Anne turns 13 on 12th June 1942. One of her birthday presents is a diary. On the 5th of July 1942 Margot receives a letter. It is a call-up to go and work for the Nazis in Germany. She does not go. The next day the family goes into hiding. Anne is not allowed to take her cat with her.

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

LESSON 18

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

1-4

On the 6th of June 1944 the people in hiding hear some good news. A large army has invaded Europe to liberate the occupied countries of Europe. The people in hiding are given hope. Anne thinks that she will be able to go back to school in October

The Nazis take Anne and all those in hiding to Auschwitz concentration camp. On the platform in Auschwitz the men are separated from the women. Anne and Margot see their father for the last time.

August 1944

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

Peter Van Dann was forced to take part in a 'death march' from Auschwitz to Mauthausen in Austria, where he died on 5th of May 1945, three days before the camp was liberated.

Margot and Anne were transported to the Bergen-Belsen camp in October 1944.

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

Anne and Margot died in March 1945 from typhus. Bergen-Belsen was liberated by British troops on the 12th of April 1945.

May 1940: Germany invades the Netherlands.

'Whenever someone comes in from outside, with the wind in their clothes and the cold on their cheeks, I feel like burying my head under the blankets to keep from thinking, "When will we be allowed to breathe fresh air again?" . . . I long to ride a bike, dance, whistle, look at the world, feel young and know that I'm free, and yet I can't let it show.'

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'When I think back to my life in 1942, it all seems so unreal. The Anne Frank who enjoyed that heavenly existence was completely different from the one who has grown wise within these walls...

I look back at that Anne Frank as a pleasant, amusing but superficial girl, who has nothing to do with me.'

24th December 1943

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'I lie in bed at night, after ending my prayers with the words, thank you God, for all that is good and dear and beautiful.' 7th March 1944

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'If you just look for it, you discover more and more happiness and regain your balance. A person who is happy will make others happy; a person who has courage and faith will never die in misery.'

7th March 1944

7th March 1944

'Things are getting crazier here as the days go by. Peter hasn't looked at me since yesterday. He's been behaving as if he's cross with me. I'm doing my best not to chase after him and to talk to him as little as possible, but it's not easy.'

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

One of the many questions that have often bothered me is why women have been, and still are, thought to be so inferior to men. It's easy to say it's unfair, but that's not enough for me: I'd really like to know the reason for this injustice.'

12th March 1944

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'So if you are wondering whether it's harder for the adults here than the children, the answer is no, it's certainly not. Older people have an opinion about everything and are sure of themselves and their actions. It's twice as hard for us young people to hold on to our opinions at a time when ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when everyone has come to doubt truth, justice and God.'

13th June 1944

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'I'm finally getting optimistic.

Now, at last, things are going well!

They really are! Great news! An assassination attempt has been made on Hitler's life.'

15th July 1944

21st July 1944

'Last night as I was falling asleep,
Hanneli suddenly appeared before
me. I saw her there dressed in rags,
her face thin and worn. She looked
at me with such sadness and
reproach in her enormous eyes that
I could read the message in them:
Oh, Anne, why have you deserted
me? Help me, help me, rescue me
from this hell!'

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'Oh, it's sad, very sad that the old adage has been confirmed for the umpteenth time: what one Christian does is his own responsibility, what one Jew does reflects on all Jews.'

27th November 1943

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'Whenever I go upstairs, it's always so I can see "him." Now that I have something to look forward to, my life here has improved greatly.' 22nd May 1944

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'In the meantime, things are getting more and more wonderful here. I think, Kitty, that true love may be developing in the Annex. All those jokes about marrying Peter if we stayed here long enough weren't so silly after all. Not that I'm thinking of marrying him, mind you. I don't even know what he'll be like when he grows up. Or if we'll even love each other enough to get married.'

18th February 1944

22nd March 1944

'Yesterday Mother and I had another run-in and she really kicked up a fuss. She told Daddy all of my sins and started to cry, which made me cry too, and I already had such an awful headache. I finally told Daddy that I love "him" more than I do Mother, to which he replied that it was just a passing phase, but I don't think so. I simply can't stand Mother, and I have to force myself not to snap at her all the time, and to stay calm, when I'd rather slap her across the face.'

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'We're so fortunate here, away from the turmoil. We wouldn't have to give a moment's thought to all this suffering if it weren't for the fact that we're so worried about those we hold dear, whom we can no longer help. I feel wicked sleeping in a warm bed, while somewhere out there my dearest friends are dropping from exhaustion or being knocked to the ground.'

3rd October 1942

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I'm so grateful to God for giving me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's inside me!' 19th November 1942

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

1-24

Anne's favourite subject was History.

5th April 1944

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

Anne has very little sympathy for her mother, and she has few kind words to say about her. Anne feels that her mother is cold, critical and uncaring, that they have very little in common, and that her mother does not know how to show love to her children.

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'Our freedom was severely restricted by a series of anti-Jewish decrees: Jews were required to wear a yellow star; Jews were required to turn in their bicycles; Jews were forbidden to use streetcars: Jews were forbidden to ride in cars, even their own: Jews were required to do their shopping between 3 and 5 p.m.; Jews were required to frequent only Jewish-owned barbershops and beauty parlours; Jews were forbidden to be out on the streets between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.; ... Jews were forbidden to visit Christians in their homes; Jews were required to attend Jewish Schools.

20th June 1942

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'... a shadow has fallen on my happiness. For a long time, I've had the feeling that Margot likes Peter. Just how much I don't know, but the whole situation is very unpleasant. Now every time I go and see Peter I'm hurting, without meaning to.'

Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'The world's been turned upside down. The most decent people are being sent to concentration camps, prisons and lonely cells, while the lowest of the low rule over young and old, rich and poor.'

20th March 1944

25th May 1944

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

Northern France is invaded by allied troops. This becomes known as D-Day

Anne's father, Otto Frank, is the only member of her family and the only person from the annex who survives the Second World War.

6th June 1944

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'A bad case of the flu has prevented me from writing to you until today.

Being ill here is dreadful. With every cough, I had to duck under the blanket – once, twice, three times – and try to keep from coughing any more.'

'I'm "on top of the world" when I think of how fortunate we are and compare myself to other Jewish children, and "in the depths of despair" when for example, Mrs Kleiman comes by and talks about Jopie's hockey club, canoe trips, school plays and afternoon teas with friends.'

22nd December 1943

24th December 1943

LESSON 18
Did Anne Frank Experience Happiness?

'We're stuck in this house like lepers, especially during winter and the Christmas and New Year holidays.'

24th December 1943

Time