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Anne Frank

Anne Frank _____ (be) born on June 12, 1929, in Frankfurt, Germany. Her mother _____ (be) Edith Frank, and her father, Otto Frank, was a lieutenant in the German army during World War I. Ann also _____ (have) a sister named Margot. The Franks _____ (be) a typical middle-class German-Jewish family. When Hitler _____ (become) chancellor of Germany on January 20, 1933, the Frank family _____ (realize) that it was time to flee. They _____ (move) to Amsterdam in the fall of 1933. Anne _____ (describe) the circumstances of her family's emigration years later in her diary: "Because we're Jewish, my father _____ (immigrate) to Holland in 1933, where he became the managing director of the Dutch Opekta Company." Anne _____ (begin) attending Amsterdam's Sixth Montessori School in 1934, and she _____ (live) a happy and normal childhood. She _____ (have) many friends, Dutch and German, Jewish and Christian, and she _____ (be) a bright student. But that all _____ (change) on September 1, 1939, when Nazi Germany _____ (invade) Poland, igniting a global conflict that _____ (become) World War II. On May 10, 1940, the German army _____ (invade) the Netherlands. The Dutch _____ (surrender) on May 15, 1940. On June 12, 1942, Anne's parents _____ (give) her a red checkered diary for her 13th birthday. She _____ (write) her first entry, addressed to an imaginary friend named Kitty, that same day. Weeks later, on July 5, 1942, Margot _____ (receive) an official summons to report to a Nazi work camp. The very next day, the family_____ (go) into hiding. They_____ (spend) two years in hiding. To pass the time, Anne _____ (write) extensive daily entries in her diary. In addition, she _____ (fill) a notebook with quotes from her favourite authors, original stories and the beginnings of a novel about her time in the Secret Annex. On August 4, 1944, a German secret police officer _____ (accompany) by four Dutch Nazis _____ (storm) into the Secret Annex and _____ (arrest) everyone and _____ (send) them to the Auschwitz death camp. After several months of hard labour, Anne and Margot _____ (go) to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. They both _____ (come) down with typhus and _____ (die) within a day of each other sometime in March 1945, only a few weeks before British soldiers _____ (liberate) the camp.



