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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

**From the Diary of Anne
Frank**

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

CH-4 : The Diary Of Anne Frank

Key Points :

- * *This is one of the most celebrated diaries of the world. It has been written by a German born Jewish girl Anne Frank during her stay in a hiding called Secret Annex at the time German occupation over Holland. She was born on 12 June 1929.*
- * *Anne is gifted diary on her thirteenth birth day.*
- * *Anne feels diary writing as a strange experience. It seems so because later neither herself nor other will take interest in the musings of 13-year-old girl.*
- * *However, she feels the need to write because she wants to lighten the burden of her heart.*
- * *Once she is feeling low because of boredom & slight depression. An idea lingers in her mind that Paper has more patience than people.*
- * *She explains that she decides to write diary because she doesn't have any friend.*
- * *She confesses that she has loving parents, a sixteen-year-old sister, aunts & about 30 friends to count.*

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- * *On the surface she seems to have everything except a TRUE friend to whom she can share her feelings & confide.*
 - * *That is why she plans to make the diary her best friend & calls it Kitty.*
 - * *She gives a brief sketch of her family. She writes her father is Otto Frank, mother is Edith Hollander Frank & sister 16-year-old sister Margot Frank.*
 - * *When her parents shift to Holland she stays with her grand mother in Aachen.*
 - * *She writes that she is deeply attached to her grandma who died in 1942 due to prolonged illness.*
 - * *She recounts that up to the age of 6 she stays in Montessori nursery. When she leaves school after her sixth grade the headmistress Mrs. Kuperous adieus her with tearful eyes.*
 - * *Four of them are doing well till the date i.e. 20 June 1942she makes entry in her diary Kitty.*
 - * *She shares with Kitty about her school result and her mathematics teacher Mr. Keesing.*
 - * *Anne talks too much in her class that annoys Mr. Keesing. After several warnings Mr. Keesing gives her punishment in the form of writing an essay on "A Chatterbox". She writes giving reason that she inherits the trait of talking from her mother which is incurable.*
 - * *She gets another punishment again. She has to write essay on —"Quack Quack Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox.."*
 - * *But she writes it in verse with support of her friend Sanne.*
 - * *She is pleased that Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on her but the reverse happens.*
 - * *Mr. Keesing takes the poem in positive way and reads to the class adding his own comments.*

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- * *After this incidence she is allowed to talk & not punished. On the contrary Mr. Keesing changes his attitude and starts making jokes in the class.*

VOCABULARY:

1. *Celebrated : Noted/Famous*
2. *Depression : Disappointment.*
3. *Confide : Share secret*
4. *Recount : Remember*
5. *Incurable : That cannot be cured.*

Seen Passage (solved)

The Class roared, I had to laugh too, though I had nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatter boxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne. Who is good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and jumped for joy. Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I would make sure the joke was on him.

Questions :

- a) *Who is "I" that had lost his/her ingenuity on the topic of chatter boxes ?*

Ans. "I" is Anne Frank

- b) *Why was Mr. Keesing trying to play a joke on the author ?*

Ans. Because she was very talkative in the class which angered him.

- c) *Find the synonyms of the word pathetic or silly from the passage.*

Ans. Ridiculous

- d) *Why did Anne jump with joy/*

Seen Passages (Unsolved)

No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I am with friends is having a good time. I cannot bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that is the problem. May be it is my fault that we don't confide in each other.

Questions :

- a) *What does the author wish in spite of having everything ?*
 - b) *Why does he/she talk to her/his friends about only ordinary everyday things and not about some personal things?*
 - c) *Find the synonyms of the phrase 'reveal in private from the passage.*
 - d) *Who is the writer of the above passage?*
3. *I began thinking about the subject while showing the tip of my fountain pen. Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. I thought and thought and suddenly, I had an idea. I wrote three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied.*

Questions :

- a) *What subject did the writer begin to think about ?*
- b) *What was the task that Mrs. Keesings has assigned to the author ?*
- c) *Find the synonyms of the word 'allotted' from the passage.*
- d) *How many pages did Anne write.*

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4. *Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. No only because I have never written anything before, but also because it seem to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen year old school girl. Oh well, it does not matter. I feel like writing and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.*

Questions :

- a) *Who thinks it to be a strange experience to write in a diary ?*
 - b) *Why does the writer feel like writing?*
 - c) *Find out the synonyms of 'contemplation' from the passage.*
 - d) *How old was the writer?*
5. *To enhance the image of this long awaited friends in my imagination, I do not want to got down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend and I am going to call this friend "Kitty"*

Questions :

- a) *Whose image does the author want to enhance ?*
- b) *What does s/he not want to do like most people ?*
- c) *Find out a word from the passage opposite in meaning to 'decreases.'*
- d) *Who did she want as a friend?*

Short Questions

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- 1. *What makes writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank .*
Ans. It was a strange experience for Anne because she had not written anything before. It was also because she believed that people would not take the musing of 13 year old girl seriously.
- 2. *Why does Anne want to keep a dairy ?*

Or

What prompted Anne to keep a diary ?

- A. *She wants to keep a diary because she feels loneliness in spite of having relative and friends. She needs some channel where she could dilute the burden off her chest. She wants to confide to someone. Hence she wants a diary which may serve as her best friends.*
3. *What makes Anne say 'Paper has more patience than people " ? (HOTS)*
4. *What reason does Anne give to justify her habit of talking in the class of Mrs. Keesing ?*
5. *In what context does Anne Say that-'Teacher are the most unpredictable creatures on earth ?*
6. *Why did Anne feel she could confide in her diary more than any one else?*

