

Secret Annex Reading Activity

Aims:

To use evidence from a text.

To use quotations from a text.

Anne Frank's Diary

The following extracts are taken from the diary of Anne Frank between 1942 and 1944, when she lived in hiding in Amsterdam with her family.

The Franks were discovered, arrested and transported to Auschwitz on August 4th 1944.

In this extract, Anne describes The Secret Annex:

July 9th 1942:

"Here's a description of the building... A wooden staircase leads from the downstairs hallway to the third floor. At the top of the stairs is a landing, with doors on either side. The door on the left takes you up to the spice storage area, attic and loft in the front part of the house. A typically Dutch, very steep, ankle-twisting flight of stairs also runs from the front part of the house to another door opening onto the street. The door to the right of the landing leads to the Secret Annex at the back of the house. No one would ever suspect there were so many rooms behind that plain grey door. There's just one small step in front of the door, and then you're inside. Straight ahead of you is a steep flight of stairs. To the left is a narrow hallway opening onto a room that serves as the Frank family's living room and bedroom. Next door is a smaller room, the bedroom and study of the two young ladies of the family. To the right of the stairs is a windowless washroom with a sink. The door in the corner leads to the toilet and another one to Margot's and my room... Now I've introduced you to the whole of our lovely Annex!"

Using the information above, sketch Anne Frank's Secret Annex. You could do this as a bird's eye view or as if you were standing in the room itself.

Remember:

- Only draw what you have read!
- Label everything you draw with a quotation from the text.
- When drawing, stick as closely to Anne Frank's description as you can.

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