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Anne Frank - Act 2 Study Guide

TEST DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 7th

Part 1 - You will be responsible to know the definition, spelling, and part of speech of each word listed below.

- disgruntled (adj) displeased, annoyed
- inarticulate (adj) unable to speak
- remorse (n) deep feeling of guilt
- antebellum (adj) before a war
- capricious (adj) subject to mood changes
- confidant (n) someone with whom you share secrets with

Part 2 - You must be familiar with the material and information listed below.

1. List THREE reasons why Mr. Van Daan is selfish.
 - 1. He was caught stealing their limited supply of food at night
 - 2. He wants more cake than all of the others
 - 3. He was willing to sell Mrs. Van Daan's possessions for money
 - 4. He was willing to get rid of Peter's cat

2. Identify TWO conflicts from Act 2.

Mr. Van Daan vs. Everyone

Explanation: Mr. Van Daan was trying to get more cake for himself without any regard for anyone else.

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Mr. Frank vs. Everyone

Explanation: Mr. Frank tries to calm everyone down and keep peace within the Annex.

3. Why is Peter sympathetic to his mother when his father wants to sell his fur coat?

Peter is sympathetic to his mother because he knows how much she loves the fur coat. He also knows that the coat is special to her because her father bought it for her.

4. Explain Dussel's theory about Carl. What decision does Mr. Kraler make about Carl's request for more money?

Dussel thinks that Carl was the building thief. Mr. Kraler was willing to offer him half of what he ask for (10 instead of 20).

5. Identify TWO actions and/or words that reveal Peter and Anne's feelings toward each other.

- Peter admits that he likes having Anne around.
- Anne offers Peter pictures to hang in his room like she has.

6. Anne is a dynamic character, she changes throughout the course of the play. How has Anne changed from Act 1 to Act 2?

- She has calmed down a lot when interacting with others
- She demonstrates sympathy towards others
- She is maturing as a young lady
- She lends advice to others and tries to help out.

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7. In your own words, what is an inferiority complex? Who in the play exhibits this complex? Use textual evidence to support your claim.

An inferiority complex is a lack of self-worth. Those who have an inferiority complex often feel like they don't measure up to standards or are not good enough. In this play, Peter exhibits this complex by always talking himself down, lacking confidence, and only seeing the strengths and good in others not himself.

8. Where has the food in the Secret Annex been going? How do the other refugees react?

Mr. Van Daan has been stealing the food in the Secret Annex at night. Mrs. Frank is extremely angry and Mr. Dussel agrees that he should be forced to leave. The other refugees are disappointed in Mr. Van Daan's selfish actions and wish that he had been more compassionate of others.

9. Even though Peter and his father do not get along, why do you think he stuck up for him when he was having a struggle with Dussel and Mrs. Frank?

Peter stuck up for Mr. Van Daan because it is his father and he does love him, even though he is not always kind. Peter did not want the family to have to leave or to be left behind without his parents.

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10. Explain how Mrs. Frank's personality changes when she discovers where the food has been going?

Mrs. Frank becomes outraged by Mr. Van Daan. She becomes cruel, illogical, demanding, and angry. This was different from her usual calm, peaceful, and mediating personality.

11. Who does Mr. Van Daan blame for being stuck in the Annex?

Where did he want to go?

Mr. Van Daan blames Mrs. Van Daan for being stuck in the Annex. He wanted to go to America or Switzerland to escape the Gestapo. He believes that if they had done that they would have been safe.

12. Where was Miep when the refugees were found?

Miep was in the country getting food when The Franks, Van Daans, and Dussel were found.

13. What concentration camp was Mr. Frank sent to?

Mr. Frank was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp.

14. What concentration camp was Anne sent to?

Anne was sent to Belsen concentration camp.

15. After reading Anne's diary where she wrote "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are good at heart", Mr. Frank says "she puts me to shame". What does he mean by this?
- Mr. Frank means that Anne's selfless and optimistic outlook as a child outshines his as an adult.