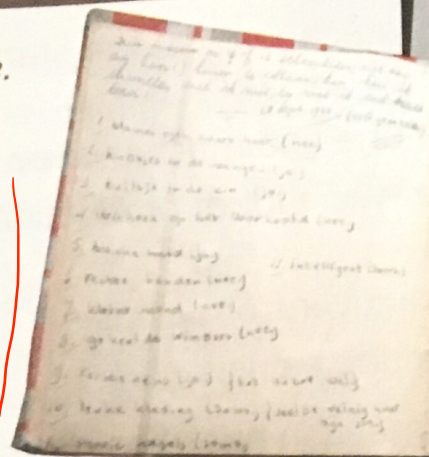


Anne Frank^{and} the Holocaust

The 1920s and 1930s were very hard for the German people. There was a lot of poverty and unemployment. The Nazi Party and their leader, Adolf Hitler, promised to make Germany a powerful country again. In 1933, they took control of the German government. Hitler thought that the Jews were the reason for Germany's defeat in World War I, and for its financial disasters. He believed that some races were superior to others, and he did not think that Jews were 'people' at all.



During World War II, the Nazis treated Jews very badly. There was food rationing in Germany, and Jews received less food than other people. They had to wear a yellow star on their clothes for identification, and in some cities they were forced to live in special areas called 'ghettos'. Hitler wanted to exterminate all the Jews in Europe. He called this idea the Final Solution. The Nazis built camps where their enemies could be imprisoned and killed.

Anne Frank was born in Germany in 1929. In 1933, her Jewish family moved to Amsterdam, in the Netherlands, to escape Hitler's persecution. When Germany invaded the Netherlands in 1940, Anne's parents knew that they were in danger again, so they prepared some secret rooms above their business offices. There was a secret entrance to the rooms behind some bookshelves. In the summer of 1942, when Anne was 13 years old, the family decided that it was time to hide. They hid in the secret

rooms for two years. Friends went shopping for them, brought them food and helped them. Anne wanted to be a writer. While she was hiding, she wrote a diary about her frightening experience, but also about her normal feelings as a teenager.

In 1944, the Nazis discovered the Frank family. Anne and her sister Margot were sent to a death camp. The conditions in the death camps were terrible and millions of people died in them between 1940 and 1945. Anne and Margot died in the Bergen-Belsen camp in 1945. In total, more than 6 million Jewish people were killed by the Nazis. Today, we call their murder the Holocaust.

Incredibly, Anne's father, who was separated from his family in the death camps, survived the war. Anne's diary was finally published in 1947. It is now one of the most popular books in the world, and it has been translated into more than sixty different languages. Anne Frank's life, and death, will never be forgotten.

1 Before you read Che cosa sai di Hitler? Quali paesi furono invasi dai nazisti? Quali gruppi di persone furono perseguitati?

2 **19 Ascolta e leggi il brano. Poi scegli l'alternativa corretta. I**

- 1 Why did Hitler treat the Jews badly?
 - A He thought that they were a superior race.
 - B He thought that they were an inferior race.
 - C Because the Jews caused World War I.
 - D Because the Jews were the reason for Germany's defeat in World War I.
- 2 What was Hitler's Final Solution?
 - A His plan for the end of the war.
 - B His plan to put all Jews in prison.
 - C His plan to kill all European Jews.
 - D His plan to invade all of Europe.
- 3 Why did the Frank family hide in secret rooms for two years?
 - A They wanted to escape from the Nazis.
 - B They wanted to do business in secret.
 - C They wanted to write a book in secret.
 - D They were criminals.
- 4 What happened to Anne Frank?
 - A She survived the war.
 - B The Nazis killed her in the secret rooms.
 - C The Nazis sent her to a death camp.
 - D Nobody knows.
- 5 What happened to Anne's diary?
 - A It was lost.
 - B The Nazis destroyed it.
 - C She gave it to her sister.
 - D It was published.

3 Completa lo schema sulla vita di Anne Frank. Scrivi gli eventi salienti della sua vita accanto alle date.

1929	_____
1933	_____
1940	_____
1942	_____
1944	_____
1945	_____
1947	_____

4 Usa i tuoi appunti nell'es.3 per fare una breve presentazione sulla vita di Anne Frank.

Exam competence

Rispondere a domande personali

Prima o dopo la presentazione, l'esaminatore potrebbe farti alcune domande personali. Assicurati di essere in grado di parlare con naturalezza della tua vita (dati biografici, famiglia, interessi e progetti per il futuro).

5 Web quest **21st century Skills**

Research Fai una ricerca sulla vita e la carriera di Primo Levi. Prepara uno schema con le date importanti della sua vita, come quello nell'es.3.

6 Usa i tuoi appunti nell'es.5 per fare una breve presentazione su Primo Levi.

Exam competence

Rispondere a domande a scelta multipla (7)

Non lasciarti ingannare da informazioni nel testo che sono simili a quelle in una risposta a scelta multipla, ma che non sono corrette. Per esempio, per quanto riguarda la domanda 1 nell'es.2, nel testo si dice che:

Hitler thought that the Jews were the reason for Germany's defeat in World War I.

Se leggi con attenzione, ti renderai conto che la risposta D non dice la stessa cosa:

Because the Jews were the reason for Germany's defeat in World War I.

La risposta D non è quindi quella corretta.

