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Date _____



Task 1:

You will first spend some time gathering research about the events that led to World War II. You'll look at the people, countries, and historical events that laid the background for Anne Frank's story.

1. The Major Players

Country	United States	Britain	Russia	Germany	Italy
Main Leader	Franklin D. _____	Winston _____	_____ Stalin	_____ Hitler	Benito _____

- 2. WWII started in _____ and ended in _____.
- 3. What does "genocide" mean? _____
- 4. What does "anti-Semitism" mean? _____

Citing Your Sources! What websites did you use to find the answers for questions 1-3?

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- 2.
- 3.

- 5. What was the Holocaust? _____
- 6. How many Jews were systematically killed in WWII? _____
- 7. What was "The Final Solution"? _____
- 8. How many children were murdered in the Holocaust? _____
- 9. Were Jews the only ones murdered during the Holocaust? If not, who else did Hitler kill? _____
- 10. What was Auschwitz? _____

Anne's Impact

- 11. When was Anne's diary first published?
- 12. How many languages has Anne Frank's diary been translated into?

Task 2:

Now it's time to look a little closer at the life of Anne Frank. Use the resources found online at the Anne Frank House to learn more about this brave young teenager.



Life in Germany...

1. When was Anne Frank born? _____
2. How many siblings did she have? _____
3. What song does Otto Frank, Anne's father, hear in 1932 as he comes home from work (*see "Life in Germany"/"Crisis and Anti-Semitism"*)?

4. In 1940, the Germans invade the Netherlands. What kinds of discrimination do the Jews experience as a result? _____

5. Why does the Frank family decide to leave Germany? _____

6. What does the Frank family do when Margot, Anne's older sister, receives a "call-up" to go to a work camp in "Germany"? _____



Going into Hiding

7. How was the entrance to the Secret Annex concealed? _____
8. Who is Miep Gies? _____
9. Why was there a lot of tension in the Annex between the Jews in hiding? _____

10. Anne and her family often got news from the outside world. What happened to Jews who did not voluntarily turn themselves in? How did Anne feel about this? _____

Discovery and Arrest

11. What punishment do Anne and her family receive for not turning themselves in voluntarily? _____

12. What happens to prisoners who are **NOT** considered fit enough to work? _____

13. How does Anne Frank die? _____ What happens to her concentration camp only a few weeks after her death? _____

Otto Returns Alone

14. After Anne and her family are captured, who finds and keeps Anne's diary? _____

15. Who was the only survivor of Anne Frank's family? _____

Task 3:

What was it like in the concentration camps? Four Holocaust survivors share their experiences at <http://library.thinkquest.org/12663/survivors/witness.html>. Skim these four stories and choose two to summarize and respond to.

Story 1 Summary. For this story, I chose to talk about _____.
(person's name)

Story 1 Response. What reactions did you have when reading this account? How did it make you feel? What did you think about this person's experiences?

Story 2 Summary. For this story, I chose to talk about _____.
(person's name)
