

ANNE FRANK'S LIFE

June 12: Anne Frank is born in Frankfurt, Germany.



Anne in 1933.

The Franks decide to leave Germany to escape Nazi persecution. While Mr. Frank looks for a new home in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, the rest of the family stays with relatives in Aachen, Germany.



Anne with her father at Miep Santrouschitz and Jan Gies's wedding.

Summer: The Van Pels family (called the Van Daans in Anne's diary) flee Germany for the Netherlands.

December 8: Fritz Pfeffer (called Albert Dussel in Anne's diary) flees Germany for the Netherlands.



Anne playing with her friend Sanne Ledermann in Amsterdam.

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WORLD EVENTS

1929

1930

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1932

The National Socialist German Workers' (Nazi) party begins its rise to power. The Nazis proclaim the superiority of the German "master race" and blame Jews for the German defeat in World War I and for the troubled economy.

1933

January 30: The Nazi party leader, Adolf Hitler, becomes chancellor (head of the government) of Germany.

March 10: The first concentration camp is established by the Nazis, at Dachau, Germany.

April: The Nazis pass their first anti-Jewish law, banning the public employment of Jews.



Adolf Hitler

1934

1935

September 15: The Nuremberg Laws are passed, denying Jews German citizenship and forbidding marriage between Jews and non-Jews.

1936

October 25: Germany and Italy form an alliance (the Axis).

1937

1938

March 12–13: The German Army invades and annexes Austria.

September 29–30: The Munich Agreement, granting Germany the right to annex part of Czechoslovakia, is drafted and signed by representatives from France, Great Britain, Italy, and Germany.

November 9–10: Kristallnacht (Night of the Broken Glass). Led by the SS, the Nazi special police, Germans beat and kill Jews, loot Jewish stores, and burn synagogues.

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Anne, second from left, with friends on her tenth birthday.

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June 12: Anne receives a diary for her thirteenth birthday.

July 6: The Franks go into hiding after Margot receives an order to appear for deportation to a labor camp in Germany. The Van Pels family joins them one week later.

November 16: Fritz Pfeffer becomes the eighth occupant of the Secret Annex.

August 4: Nazi police raid the Secret Annex; the occupants are sent to concentration camps.

September: Mr. Van Pels dies in Auschwitz.

December 20: Fritz Pfeffer dies in Neuengamme.

Anne's mother, Edith Frank, dies in Auschwitz. Three weeks later Otto Frank is freed when Auschwitz is liberated by the Soviet Army. Anne and Margot die in Bergen-Belsen a few weeks before British soldiers liberate the camp. Peter Van Pels dies in Mauthausen. Mrs. Van Pels dies in Theresienstadt.

WORLD EVENTS

1939

March: Germany invades and occupies most of Czechoslovakia.

September 1: Germany invades Poland. France and Great Britain declare war on Germany two days later.

1940

Spring: Germany invades Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France.

September 27: Japan joins the Axis.

1941

June 22: Germany invades the Soviet Union.

December: The United States enters the war on the side of the Allied nations (including Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and other countries) after Japan attacks the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor.

1942

January: The "Final Solution" is secretly announced at a conference of Nazi officials: Europe's Jews are to be "exterminated," or murdered. Construction of death camps, equipped with gas chambers and huge incinerators for mass killing and cremation, begins in Poland. Millions of people (Jews and non-Jews) will die in these camps.

1943

1944

June 6: D-day. Allied forces land in Normandy, in northern France, and launch an invasion of western Europe.

Bombing of Hiroshima.



1945

May 8: The war in Europe ends with Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies.

August 14: Japan surrenders after the United States drops atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.