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How Anne Frank Created Character

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl is a stunning historical record of the Nazi occupation of Europe and the subsequent Holocaust not because it chronicles those things directly, but because it allows the reader to glimpse inside the most intimate, personal lives of people who were living under their ever-present threat. Though the text is mostly an inner monologue (a girl writing to her diary, or, essentially, to herself) it is full of descriptions of actions that reveal character. Think about the book, and then answer the questions.

1. How does Anne use speech and dialogue to point out how others in the Secret Annex behave?

2. Anne gives a lot of detail about how the others living in the Annex behave, and consequently the reader can easily pass judgment on their characters. Choose a passage in which Anne is describing the actions of another character. What does this tell you about that character? Why?

