

The Diary of Anne Frank
End of Act I

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. The play's version of events differs in many ways from what actually happened in real life. For example:

- In real life, Anne was given the diary as a present for her thirteenth birthday, several weeks before going into hiding.
- The Frank family moved into the Secret Annex a week before the Van Pels family did. (Anne made up names. She called the Van Pels family the Van Daans in her diary.)
- Margot was sixteen, not eighteen, when the Franks went into hiding.
- The occupants of the Secret Annex often ventured to the lower floors of the office building after working hours.

Choose two or three of the above changes and explain why do you think the writers may have chosen to make these changes, as well as whether the effect on the play is positive or negative and why.

Answer in column format, using the headings below:

The change you will discuss	Why playwrights may have made the change	Effect on the play (positive/negative) and why
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2. Anne is a dynamic character in the play. In what ways does the audience see her changing in Act I? Be thorough in your reasoning, giving support from the text to show what she changed from and what she changed to.