

Monday 10th May

LO: To find information in the text to answer questions

Watch first 5 mins

 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/46987263>

How does the moving story of Anne Frank make you feel?

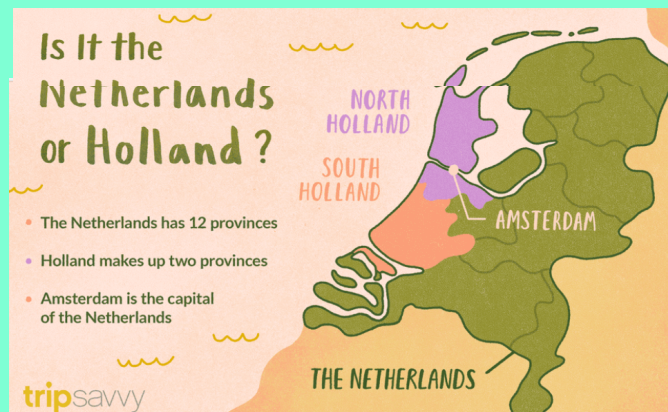
Today we are going to look at a poem which was inspired following a poets visit to the Anne Frank House.

Let's have a look at a few of our great diaries written last week:

June 14th 1942
Dear Kitty,
Today has been a tough day.
It is sunny today, but unfortunately
we can't go out because we might
get passed. My hands are shaking
so much they might fall off. We can't
eat or drink because we are hiding
in a secret place.
Yours Anne

October 20th 1943
Dear Kitty,
Today was a disastrous day it was sunny
but we couldn't go out. I don't like
Nazis because they ruin innocent people's
lives and steal bicycles and other things
that we have. We do not like this
mess that we didn't even start.
I could of got to play on a sunny
day.
Yours Anne

June 17th 1942
Dear Kitty,
Today my family and I found out
that Adolf Hitler became leader of
Germany. We had to hide in a
hidden place where they couldn't
find us. All German people were
forced to wear a yellow star
on them and sent to a German
only school.
Yours, Anne



The Netherlands



The Netherlands, a country in northwestern Europe, is known for a flat landscape of canals, tulip fields, windmills and cycling routes. Amsterdam, the capital, is home to the Van Gogh Museum (see below) and the house where Jewish diarist Anne Frank hid during WWII.



Van Gogh Museum

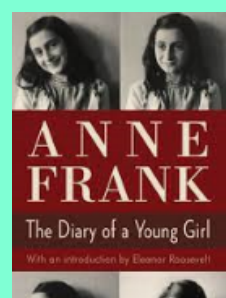


Sunflowers
by Van Gogh



Anne Frank House

The Secret Annex





A rare glimpse of Anne recorded as she peered out of her window watching her next door neighbour who was getting married.



	Glossary
grief	intense sorrow, especially caused by someone's death.
Allied line	A group of countries that together opposed Nazi Germany during World War II (1939-1945).
Europe	A continent entirely in the Northern Hemisphere and mostly in the Eastern Hemisphere.
Princess Elizabeth	Elizabeth II is our Queen of England.
enduring	lasting over a long period of time; durable.
ease	absence of difficulty or effort.
barge	A long flat-bottomed boat for carrying freight on canals and rivers.

Read the text out loud with your partner.

Remember:

Use your reading ruler

Look at your partner when they are reading

Sit still

Help your partner if they are stuck on a word

Read to your partner in a voice that only they can hear

Write down any words you don't know the meaning of onto your whiteboard

Once you have finished reading aloud, read silently.

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1. How many stanzas does this poem have?
2. How many years of whispering, loneliness and plotting were there?
3. What colour chalk did the Allied line in Europe have?
4. Whose pictures of her fashions inspired Anne?
5. Which reflections can be seen in the blue canal?
6. Why might the poet talk about 'twice her lifetime of grief'?
7. How does this poem make you feel? What could we learn from this story in our own lives?



<https://poetryarchive.org/poem/anne-frank-huis/>

Andrew Motion - poet



"In the house where I grew up we didn't have very many books, or spend very much time talking about reading or about what books might contain. But one of the books I did know was The Diary of Anne Frank and in my early twenties I went to visit her house in Amsterdam and immediately after seeing it wrote this poem about it."

Anne Frank Huis

By [Andrew Motion](#)

Even now, after twice her lifetime of grief
and anger in the very place, whoever comes
to climb these narrow stairs, discovers how
the bookcase slides aside, then walks through
shadow into sunlit room, can never help

but break her secrecy again. Just listening
is a kind of guilt: the Westerkirk repeats
itself outside, as if all time worked round
towards her fear, and made each stroke
die down on guarded streets. Imagine it—

four years of whispering, and loneliness,
and plotting, day by day, the Allied line
in Europe with a yellow chalk. What hope
she had for ordinary love and interest
survives her here, displayed above the bed

as pictures of her family; some actors;
fashions chosen by Princess Elizabeth.
And those who stoop to see them find
not only patience missing its reward,
but one enduring wish for chances

like my own: to leave as simply
as I do, and walk at ease
up dusty tree-lined avenues, or watch
a silent barge come clear of bridges
settling their reflections in the blue canal.



Andrew Motion has said of his own work,

"I want my writing to be as clear as water. I want readers to see all the way through its surfaces into the swamp."

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