

### **3A Chan Tsun Ho Tommy**

Book Title : The Diary of a Young Girl

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This book is the diary of a young girl – Anne Frank. She was a Jew born in German. She was a sufferer of Holocaust. The book tells us about her life and her feeling of love and fear during two years of hiding. Besides, it also shows the truth of what the Nazi did to the Jewish people and how terrible the life of being under control is. In fact, this is not only the diary of Anne Frank, but it is also telling us the voices of millions of Jews during World War II.

When Anne was 13 years old, she was forced to live in a dark and secret room for hiding from the Nazi. She needed to face the great pressure of getting caught, and even getting killed. She got totally no idea of what to do, just because they were Jews, who the Nazi hated, had been campaigning against racist between them and Germans and had been killed for no reason. We can't imagine how bad the life was when facing a war.

The bleak life hadn't changed Anne and she was still a girl with a smile on her face. Unfortunately, it was not a happy ending. In 1944, the Nazi found them, the Jews were caught. Anne and her family had ended their two-year hidden life in the secret room. At last, Anne and most of her family members died in the Nazi concentration camp. The only one who survived was her father.

The story of Anne's life is really touching. Through understanding her mind, I feel like I was living with her. Even though she didn't go to school much, her descriptions and words were so fluent and vivid. I want to share my understanding of this book with you. Good people and bad people both make mistakes. The difference is that good people can admit their mistakes and learn from their wrongdoings.

In this book, Anne also posed questions about gender equality and freedom. Her view was very different from the other 15 year-old girls'. We live in a peaceful world and we take it for granted. For people facing the wars and suppression of freedom, they are so desperate and nobody can help them.

I don't understand why there is difference between racial groups and why we need to discriminate other people. Don't we live in the same world? I never experience a war and I live in peace every day. Even a little trouble makes me feel sad. But for Anne and other Jewish at that time, they needed to be careful even they just wanted to have some fresh air and had a word with each other.

I am free and I enjoy freedom of movement, freedom of speech and freedom of choosing my religion. I can go everywhere I want to go and I don't need to worry that I will be caught and killed. I hope that people who want to give up their lives can read this book. They should learn how Anne lived her life, how Anne survived in her hard time.

I really hope that, no matter in which country, at what time, the word 'war' will never appear again. Mankind can have further evolution only if people all over the world can live in peace. Peace is the most important thing and the only way to make everyone happier.