

Year 7 Term 2: Understanding the World

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As part of our coming of age story, we all must learn to **understand the world** around us and how we fit into it. This includes understanding the world outside our own home, outside our own town, and even outside our own country.

Understanding the world also means stepping out of our comfort zone and trying to understand the other people's point of view, no matter how challenging this might be.

Through her diary, we are offered a unique insight into Anne Frank's life as a Jewish girl at the time of the Holocaust, when she was subjected to a life that most of us can only imagine.

Anne Frank's Diary – Key Information

- Anne Frank - the 13-year old writer of the diary
- Otto Frank - Anne's father and the only survivor in the family. Otto found Anne's diary and had it published.
- Margot Frank - Anne's older sister
- Edith Frank - Anne's mother
- **The diary begins on Anne's 13th birthday in 1942 and ends just after her 15th birthday in 1944.**
- It starts with Anne describing a typical teenage girl's life, but later deals with the oppression and fear she faces while hiding from the Nazis.
- To escape the Nazis, the family had to go into hiding in a secret **annexe** (a part of her father's office hidden behind a swinging bookcase) with another family.
- The diary comes to **a sudden end. Anne's family were arrested and sent to the concentration camps**, where Anne and her mother and sister died.



Anne Frank Themes

- Identity
- War & Conflict
- Loneliness
- Family
- Life and death

Context – The Holocaust

- During the Second World War, Nazis led by Hitler tried to kill all the Jewish people in Europe
- They opened **Concentration Camps**, where they sent Jewish people to work
- The Nazis ordered Germans stop using all Jewish shops and businesses
- Jews were banned from owning land or being editor of a newspaper
- Nazis ordered Jews over age 15 to apply for identity cards to show to police if asked
- **Synagogues (Jewish places of worship)** all over Germany were destroyed
- Jews were **banned** from attending school
- All Jews were made to wear a **badge** to identify them as Jewish
- The Nazis built Death Camps including Auschwitz where they killed Jews by gassing them in their thousands
- Many others died of starvation or exhaustion (having no strength left) while working as slaves at the camps
- When Germany was defeated in World War II, the camps were discovered and some Jews were set free
- Throughout the Holocaust, **the Nazis murdered 6 million Jewish people including 1.5 million children**

Holocaust - the mass slaughter of large groups of people.

Comes from the Greek holokauston, a translation of the Hebrew word 'olah, meaning a burnt sacrifice offered whole to God.

Malala Yousafzai -

Malala is a Pakistani education activist who was shot in the head by the Taliban when she was 15 years old, because she had spoken out about girls' right to education.

Malala and her family were moved to the UK for their safety, and she had to change to a completely new life in a new country with different rules and customs.

Tara Westover -

Tara is a writer who was raised in Idaho, USA. Her father was against education, so she never attended school until she was 17. Her birth was not registered and the government did not know she existed. Tara was not given a good understanding of the world until she decided to look for education herself.



Literary Non-Fiction
<p>Literary non-fiction is written as a story with plot, characters and settings described, but the story is real, not made up. It uses techniques usually connected with fiction, to describe real-life events.</p> <p>It will often be written using a first-person narrator (the person telling the story), who writes about their own life.</p> <p>Literary non-fiction will include literary features such as: imagery (putting pictures into your mind, figurative language, emotive language (language to make you feel a certain way) and sensory detail (related to seeing, hearing, smelling etc.</p> <p>It will also include features of non-fiction such as personal opinion and often has persuasive elements.</p>

Grammar – bounce-back to term 1

<p><u>Noun types:</u></p> <p>Concrete – A noun we can see, hear, touch, smell or taste e.g. table</p> <p>Abstract – A noun which we cannot experience with any of the 5 senses e.g. happiness, tension</p> <p>Proper – A noun which is the name or title of something and is capitalised e.g. Bolton, Turton School</p> <p>Collective – A singular word used to group together a plural e.g. a group, a herd, a class</p> <p><u>Tense:</u></p> <p>Past tense: used to describe things that have already happened and usually have an -ed ending e.g. I walked to school yesterday</p> <p>Present tense: used to describe things that are happening now</p> <p>Future tense: describes things that have yet to happen and usually uses 'will' e.g. I will go tomorrow.</p>
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Grammar – term 2
<p>Verb types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imperative – A commanding verb e.g. <u>Do</u> this work, <u>sit</u> down, <u>let's</u> go • Modal – A verb expressing possibility or probability e.g. will, should, could, can, must

