

Woodland Opera House
The Diary of Anne Frank: Reflection

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During World War II, human beings acted in horrible, unimaginable ways to other human beings. Anne Frank and her family suffered greatly during the war because they were Jewish people living in an area controlled by Nazi Germany. The Woodland Opera House's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank," is poignant, heartbreaking, and even has some humor to lighten the mood. By watching this play or reading Anne's diary, we can learn about the atrocities of World War II in a more personal way than in history books, which will help ensure that we treat people with kindness and respect, even if we are vastly different from them.

After watching the production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" by the Woodland Opera House, I have researched more about the Frank family and those that hid with them during the war. Their story shows the resilience and strength we have when we show love and kindness to those around us. Without the help from their non-Jewish friends, the families hiding in the annex would not have survived for as long as they did. I cannot imagine what it would be like living in hiding, especially under such tense circumstances and serious consequences. Love and support from other people allow us to reach beyond our own capabilities and achieve more than we think was can. The families in hiding were unable to reach their full potential during their lifetime, but Anne Frank's diary has allowed their story to be shared to millions of people. Their suffering should not have happened, but we can learn from it. Because of Anne Frank, we are able to read a first-hand account of what it was like to be a Jewish girl in hiding during World War II.

Since I have not read the book, watching "The Diary of Anne Frank" allowed me to connect to her story. The detail in the play went beyond what I learned in school about the Frank family. They showed immense courage by hiding instead of turning themselves in. I had not thought about what it would be like to be completely silent for an entire day or not be able to go outdoors for years at a time until after watching the play. I am thankful to live in a time where I do not have to be afraid about who I am or what I believe in. However, there are some people in today's world who do have to worry about that. Hopefully, by learning about Anne Frank and others like her, we can remember the importance of loving and accepting others, even if they are different than us.