Sample Study Guide

The Diary of a Young Girl
by Anne Frank

To the student: This guide is intended to provide some direction to your reading of Anne Frank's Diary and to give you some aids to assist your reading. You should finish reading this book on ______________. The Diary entries are due on ______________. These entries will vary in length, but each must be a minimum of 100 words.

List of Characters

It is often difficult to keep track of who's who when the characters in a book are from a foreign country and have strange-sounding names. Keep the following list handy when you are reading. It will help you remember who's who while you are reading.

1. Anne's friends before she goes into the Secret Annex:
   - Lies Goosen, Sanne Houtman, Jopie de Wall -- Anne's girlfriends and schoolmates
   - Mr. Keptor -- one of Anne's teachers
   - Harry Goldberg -- a boy Anne was seeing
   - Peter Wessel -- a boy Anne liked, but who didn't pay her much attention

2. Inhabitants of the Secret Annex:
   - Anne Frank -- the writer of this diary
   - Margot Frank -- Anne's older sister (she's three years older)
   - Mr. Otto Frank ("Pim") -- Anne's father
   - Mrs. Frank ("Mansa" and "Mummy") -- Anne's mother
   - Mr. Van Daan ("Putti") -- a business associate of Mr. Frank whose family joined the Franks in hiding
   - Mrs. Petronella Van Daan ("Kerli") -- Mr. Van Daan's wife
   - Peter Van Daan -- the Van Daan's teenage son
   - Dr. Albert Dussel -- a dentist friend who later joins the Annex refugees

   The Dutch people who helped the Franks:
   - Mr. Kraler -- manager of Mr. Frank's business firm
   - Mr. Koophius -- an assistant manager of the firm
   - Miep Van Santen -- an employee of the firm
   - Henk Van Santen -- Miep's husband
   - Elli Vossen -- a young typist, later engaged to be married
   - Mr. Vossen -- Elli's father, who works in the warehouse