Anne Frank’s Legacy

Meip Gies (Speech Article)

Comprehension Questions: Please answer each of the questions below on a separate piece of paper. Answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES by restating.

1. How long did Miep Gies help to hide Anne and her family and during what years?
2. What was the title that Miep and her husband were recognized for?
3. How old was Miep when she gave the speech in Washington DC?
4. Interpret what you think Miep means when she says, “Yes, it certainly takes some courage, some discipline and also some sacrifice to do your human duty. But that is true for so many things in life!” What do you think she means? What things in life do you think require courage, discipline and sacrifice to accomplish?
5. Which war did Miep grow up in at a young age?
6. Why did Miep have to move from Vienna to Holland at such a young age?
7. Miep says she learned early on that “I should help victims and not blame them.” In what ways can we relate this to our world today? What victims should we stop blaming?
8. Miep says, “It makes them blame the whole group, if one of its members commits a crime. Imagine if this would happen to us, because in our own group of people are criminals too!” How can you apply this to our world today or to your life? What truth is there to her statement?
9. Miep says, “Hitler knew that people in trouble often like to blame others, even if it is their own mistake.” When do you think this is most true? Why?
10. What was the Van Daan family’s real last name?
11. What was Mr. Dussel’s real name?
12. Why does Miep think that Anne did not change her name in her diary like the rest of the people in and around the annex?
13. In the play we only knew of Mr. Kraler and Miep who helped those in hiding in the annex. How many people actually helped out?
14. What does Miep do every year on August 4th? Why?
15. Does Miep call herself a hero? Yes or No and Why?