

4. The following information was found on a PBS study guide about Anne Frank and the Holocaust. Read through it, then answer the question below.

THE GREATEST ENEMY: BYSTANDERS	
<p>The Holocaust survivor Miles Lerman has aptly remarked on the significant role bystanders played in allowing the Holocaust to occur. "A perpetrator is not the most dangerous enemy," Lerman argues. "The most dangerous part is the bystander because neutrality always helps the killer."</p> <p><small>FACING HIS STORY AND OURSELVES, ANNE FRANK IN THE WORLD EXHIBIT: TEACHER'S GUIDE. BROOKLINE, MA: FACING HIS STORY AND OURSELVES NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC., 1993, P. 1</small></p>	<p>Marion Pritchard, who rescued Jews in Amsterdam from the Nazis, said in an interview, "[T]here were indeed some people who behaved criminally by betraying their Jewish neighbors and therefore sentencing them to death. There were some people who dedicated themselves to actively rescuing as many people as possible. Somewhere in between was the majority, whose actions varied from the minimum decency of at least keeping quiet if they knew where Jews were hidden to finding a way to help when they were asked."</p> <p><small>INTERVIEW IN COURAGE TO CARE. BY CAROL RITNER AND S. MEYER S. P. 29</small></p>

Do you agree with this perspective? Why or why not? Explain.

Prejudice, Evil, and The Holocaust

5. For years, it has been standard for high school and middle school students to study Anne Frank and the Holocaust. Why is it important to learn about these things? Many people around the world feel that we as a global society have a responsibility to remember the atrocities of the Holocaust. Do you agree with this perspective? Explain.

6. While *The Diary of Anne Frank* is one of the most commonly taught books, it is also one of the most commonly banned books, due to the fact that it is considered “too depressing for students” (from Amazon.com). Do you agree with this? Is this a valid reason for banning the book? Do you disagree? Explain.

7. In her diary entry on May 22, 1944, Anne reflects at length on the prejudice and discrimination against the Jews. She eventually states, “Oh, it is sad, very sad, that once more, for the umpteenth time, the old truth is confirmed: ‘What *one* Christian does is his own responsibility, what *one* Jew does is thrown back at all Jews.’”

What does Anne mean by this? Do you think this is true of all forms of prejudice? Explain.

8. One of the tensest scenes of the play occurs when everyone discovers that Mr. Van Daan has been stealing food. Amid the arguments that erupt, Mr. Frank remarks, “We don’t need the Nazis to destroy us. We’re destroying ourselves” (Goodrich and Hackett 902). Do you agree with Mr. Frank? Does a lack of kindness and compassion really destroy a person? Explain.

Diary, Play, and Movie

20. Which version of Anne's story, the diary, play, or movie had the greatest impact? Explain using examples.