



2009 marks the
80th Anniversary of
Anne Frank's birth

What would you write to your 80 year old self?

"I don't want to have lived in vain like most people. I want to be useful or bring enjoyment to all people, even those I've never met. I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I'm so grateful to God for having given me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's inside me!"

– Anne Frank, April 5th, 1944

Through Anne's diary we learn so much her opinions, ideals and experiences, that we can almost imagine the person she would have grown up to be. For instance we know that Anne thought a lot about people's rights and we can imagine that she may have chosen a job working to improve the lives of people in danger or poverty. She wanted the world to be fair place where people were treated well whoever they are.

Maybe she would have been a journalist going to war torn countries or a campaigner for peace and human rights. Perhaps she would have published her diary as a story or perhaps she would have visited schools and talked about the importance of expressing your emotions in a creative way.

She may have been a counselor, a politician, or a teacher. Had she lived to celebrate this, her 80th birthday, she may have memories of traveling the world and may have had children or grandchildren of her own.

Anne Frank would have turned 80 years old this year had her life not been cut short. To commemorate the life Anne we would like you to write a letter to your 80 year old self.

What would you like to accomplish by the time you are 80?

Do you want to have had 10 grandchildren? A big house? To have traveled the world?

Examples of what you might write about:

- Ambitions-climbed mountains, travelled, learned to speak another language?
- Family-married, children?
- Careers- you have had, want to have
- Places you have visited
- People you have met
- Ideas/opinions that might have changed over the years

What about changes in the world around you? Will it be eco-friendly? Will we travel in flying cars?

World changes:

- Changes that have happened in the world
- Ideas/opinions that might have changed over the years
- What you hope the world looks like, modes of travel and how we live

Write about what you would like to accomplish by the time you reach the age of 80!

Enter our writing competition to win an 80th anniversary Commemorative Collection of specially chosen books! (Some signed by the author) The overall winner will also win an [iPod shuffle!](#)

Deadline: October 1st, 2009!

Please send your entries to: education@annefrank.org.uk

Or alternatively hard copies can be sent to:

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