

LESSON PLAN

**OTTO FRANK**



English



Netherlands



Biographies



14-18 years



20 min

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National Curriculum  
36, 37, 38, 40 and 43

Materials  
Laptops  
Quotes  
Smartboard

## OBJECTIVES

1. Students are introduced to meaningful quotes by Otto Frank.
2. Students learn to extract the essence of a short video.
3. Students add their own ideas to an existing message.

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### Opening

 5 min

Give each student a quote and ask them to read it to themselves. The question to discuss as a class is: Who said this? Have students choose from the following people: politician, journalist, teacher, president (of a country), philosopher, poet, writer, religious leader. Ask a few students why they think this.

### Main Activity

 10 min

Explain that these quotes are all from the same person: Otto Frank, a Holocaust survivor and father of Anne Frank. He was the only member of his family to survive the Holocaust and published his daughter Anne's diary. He hopes her story will inspire people, especially young people, to be curious about others.

After the war, Otto Frank established the Anne Frank House and opened the doors to of the former hiding place to the public. Otto's ideal was a place where people could have conversations. A house specifically for young people with a warning from the past, but focused on the future.

Show video 1.

Tell students that the video will be shown again and that they must answer the following question: What is the most important message for you? Have students write down their answers.

### Closing

 5 min

Have a few students explain their answers.

You could also ask them what they would like to add to Otto Frank's message.

## Do you have more time?

If you have more time, you can expand the activity by giving students a creative processing exercise. They can then design Otto's quote, supplemented with their own additions, on an A4 sheet of paper (or create a saying on tiles). The quotes can then be displayed in the classroom.

## LINKS: SHORT FORM VIDEO

1. [Otto Frank's Powerful Message: Then and Now | TikTok](#)

## Quotes by Otto Frank

We cannot change what happened anymore. The only thing we can do is to learn from the past and to realize what discrimination and persecution of innocent people means. I believe that it's everyone's responsibility to fight prejudice.

To build a future, you have to know the past.

There are no walls, no bolts, no locks that anyone can put on your mind.

Most parents don't know really their children.

Generally speaking, people don't learn from the past.

If they are black, or white, or yellow, if they're catholic or protestant or jews or muslims, we have to live in one world. And as long as we don't know each other, there are misunderstandings.

I think it is not only important that people go to the Anne Frank House to see the secret annex, but also that they are helped to realise that people are also persecuted today because of their race, religion or political convictions.

Dealing with the future means dealing responsibly with the past. Because only then can history not repeat itself.