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Grade: Freshman

Book Title: The Diary of a Young Girl

Book Author: Anne Frank

Rating: 4

*The Diary of a Young Girl* shares the experiences of Anne Frank while she and her family hid during World War II. Written as a diary called Kitty, the book gives readers a personal look into her diary life, fears, and hopes while living in a small hidden space for a long period of time during a very tough time. Even though the setting is serious, Anne's honesty shared in her journey makes the story feel like there was nothing to hide. The book slowly shows how difficult life became while having moments of hope and a slight sense of humor.

I thought this book was emotional and a little frightening at the same time as it felt like hearing directly from Frank instead of just reading a history book. Anne's writing made her seem intelligent, honest, and sometimes funny which made it easier to connect to her in some moments. I also liked how the diary showed both small moments and the larger times where hope for survival was not in the picture. Some parts felt slower because it focused a lot on daily life but that also made the story feel realistic as Frank just wrote down her thoughts and what she felt. Knowing that the diary was based on real events made some moments frightening, leaving me thinking what I would do in her shoes.

I would recommend this book to people who enjoy true stories and history, specifically when it's told from a first person perspective that is in the action. It's an important book because it helps readers understand the emotions and experiences behind historical events instead of just learning facts. Even though some moments can be hard to read, it's still worth reading because of Anne's voice and the message she felt for all of society to read.