

## Core Skills Analysis

### Literature and History

- Explored the character of Mr Dussel from Anne Frank's play, gaining insight into his personality, motivations, and interactions within the context of the story.
- Developed understanding of the historical background of Anne Frank's life and the impact of World War II on Jewish families hiding from persecution.
- Practiced critical thinking by analyzing a dramatic character's role, emotions, and contributions to the narrative.
- Improved interpretive skills by connecting the play's content to real-life events and historical significance.

### Tips

To deepen understanding, encourage reading the full diary or play script to see Mr Dussel's character arc in context. Explore related historical materials, such as documentaries or survivor testimonies, to connect literature with authentic history. Invite creative expression by asking the student to write a diary entry or monologue from Mr Dussel's perspective, fostering empathy and narrative skills. Discuss themes such as courage, fear, and hope, linking the play to broader human experiences during difficult times.

### Book Recommendations

- [The Diary of a Young Girl](#) by Anne Frank: The original diary entries of Anne Frank, providing a firsthand account of her life in hiding during WWII.
- [Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography](#) by Ari Folman and David Polonsky: A graphic novel retelling of Anne Frank's story, combining visual storytelling with historical facts.
- [Number the Stars](#) by Lois Lowry: A historical novel about Danish resistance to Nazi occupation, helping young readers understand WWII themes through fiction.

### Learning Standards

- ACELT1638 – Analyse and explain the ways text structures and language features shape meaning and influence responses.
- ACHASSK112 – The nature of contact between Australia and Asia, and the impact of significant world events including WWII.
- ACELY1740 – Use comprehension strategies to interpret and analyze unfamiliar vocabulary and implicit meanings in texts.

### Try This Next

- Create a character diary: write entries from Mr Dussel's viewpoint describing daily challenges and emotions.
- Develop a quiz on key historical facts surrounding Anne Frank's life to reinforce context understanding.