

PROCESS PAPER

We selected our topic because we were both interested in women breaking barriers. We also had background knowledge on Anne Frank and the subject of the Holocaust. Anne Frank interested us because she is one of the most well known people from this event, and was a teenager. When we went to the Chippewa Valley Museum for National History Day we were inspired when the historians talked about Anne Frank. Hearing more on Anne really helped us decide on our topic. When we had to narrow down our topic selection, Anne Frank was our top choice because we knew there would be lots of sources we could use to help us.

We conducted our research by finding questions that we thought would be beneficial to our research. Using the questions we created, we found websites, pictures and books to answer our questions. To find this information we visited libraries for books like Anne's diary. Another way we got information was through other websites. If we found an interesting fact or piece of evidence for something, we could look farther into it. We made sure to write down the answers to our questions and any other important information. Since there was a lot going on during that time- like World War 2- we made sure to research on those topics too. Pictures our teacher showed us really helped us understand the things that happened to Jewish people in camps.

When we knew how we could present our information, we thought that a website or a documentary would be best for us. We chose a website because we knew getting together all the time would be hard for us to do. A website was perfect because we could work on it in different places, at the same time, or separately. For inspiration, we looked at other websites to see the layout, the navigation bar, the titles of each page, and how they put it together. Based on the information we gathered about our topic, we layed out our website in a way to best display it. We also found pictures that helped give a visual about the material on each page.

Our topic fits the theme "Breaking Barriers", because Anne Frank and her family broke the barrier of being Jewish in Germany during the Holocaust - when Adolf Hitler took over. The Frank family had to live through anti-semetic acts from many people-

Like Hitler and Nazi's- and what they lived through helps us understand the event so it doesn't happen - in its severity - again in history. Anne Frank's diary also overcame a barrier because without it, there would be no direct information from a Jewish perspective during this time. Anne's diary gives researchers insight about her life during the Holocaust.