



Post Fellowship Reporting - Project Summary

Report Title:	Cycle from the "Secret Annex" in Amsterdam to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp to study the legacy of Anne Frank.	Name:	Naomi Brown
Other Team Members:			
Program:	Greater Houston Area Program		
Trip Dates:	07/02/2012 - 07/24/2012	Location Visited:	Amsterdam, Netherlands; Rotterdam, Netherlands; Hilverstrum, Netherlands; Alpendoorn, Netherlands; Osnabruck, Celle and Berlin Germany; Hannover, Germany; Celle, Germany; Bergen, Germany; Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Project Summary: Having lost her entire family to the Holocaust, my grandmother's value of human life fostered my life-time commitment to education, self—discovery and vigilance of international politics.

Reading The Diary of Anne Frank as a teenager was more than history; it was-- and remains--my benchmark against discrimination and the impact of writing.

As an educator, parent, Jew and observer of history, The Diary of Anne Frank remains a relevant springboard to develop teenagers' empathy for human rights while providing compelling frame-work comparing current discriminations with the past.

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By cycling from Amsterdam 200 miles east into Germany, with a small group of teachers and students, I was able to engage with people, places and events impacted by history and ask others: "How could this have happened?" And. "How do we ALL prevent this again?"

The journey provided a stunning impact on my life as I saw a part of my own history come to fruition; seeing face to face, the place where many of my own family suffered and perished.

Career Impact: *Awareness of Facism on world and current events

*Understanding of minorities in contemporary Western Europe

*Concern for decline of reading and history among contemporary youth

*Appreciation for oral and written history

*Realization of the enormity of genocide, both personally and historically

*Deepened regard for education, justice, and political vigilance.

*Appreciation for the importance of dialogue, teaching and human rights.

*Profound awareness of the importance of photography, writing and video.

*Appreciation for my health to cycle across Europe

*Deep regard for philathropic organizations empowering teachers.

Classroom/Community Impact:*Develop a local Ideas Festival promoting voter registration on campuses and entire community

*Raise awareness of minority issues affecting 2012 election topics

*Expand Anne Frank curriculum with students and colleagues

*Initiate meaningful dialogue among minority students and awareness of controversial human rights issues

*Develop visual history documentaries of current or past human rights violations.

*Develop Student Council leadership promoting human rights on campuses

* Present FFT experience and perspectives to colleagues and community members.

Open Response: *Developing the visual history documentary and book with photos and verse written on Fellowship

*Contacting Anti-Defamation League and synagogue and teaching organizations to present experience.

*Ramping up my Anne Frank-human rights curriculum for 2012-13.

*Contacting Holocaust survivors to speak in class

*Developing leadership seminar for students passionate about human rights and civil liberties.

*Collaborating with city of Sugar Land to host our human rights Ideas Festival this fall in a public venue.

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Photos:



Fulfilling a life's quest for understanding at Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp



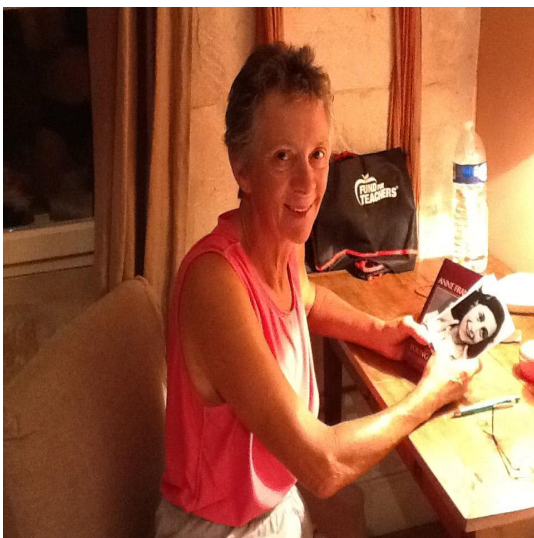
Discussing The Diary of Anne Frank, Hilversum International Campus.



Following Jewish tradition: leaving a stone for the dead, Bergen-Belsen



If it rains, hop a train with the bike to next town!,-Muenster, Germany



Summarizing the day's experiences-Cele, Germany



Amsterdam- Travel like the locals.



Travel to the Secret Annex, Amsterdam.



Berlin: Study at the "Between Propaganda and Terror" Installation