



MEDIA ALERT

March 31, 2010

PBS TEACHERS APRIL 7 WEBINAR OFFERS EDUCATORS TIPS FOR TEACHING WITH NEW 'DIARY OF ANNE FRANK' FILM

PBS Teachers® (pbsteachers.org) and Classroom 2.0 are hosting a free webinar for educators on April 7 entitled, "A Fresh Look at Teaching With *The Diary of Anne Frank*." Webinar participants will get a sneak peek at the all-new adaptation airing on PBS's Masterpiece on April 11 (Holocaust Remembrance Day), and review teaching materials created for middle and high school English/language arts, social studies, and media studies educators. These materials include a teacher's guide created in collaboration with the international Holocaust education organization, Facing History and Ourselves, and an omnibus Resources Listing, which collects the best existing resources on Anne Frank and her historical context, and offers resources for teens interested in journaling with digital media. Speakers include the author of the teacher's guide and an educator from Facing History and Ourselves.

What: A Fresh Look at Teaching With *The Diary of Anne Frank*

When: Wednesday, April 7, 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

Where: Online

How: Teachers can participate in the webinars after signing up for free [membership](#) in PBS Teachers. Membership provides preK-12 educators with access to the PBS Teachers online community, all of PBS's educational services, and a searchable library of more than 9,000 free local and national standards-based teaching activities, lesson plans, on-demand video assets, and interactive games and simulations. For more information, or to register for the webinar, visit www.pbs.org/teachers/webinar.

About *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

For Jewish teenager Anne Frank (played by Ellie Kendrick), her diary is her one true friend and confidant. In it, she records the thoughts of a typical teen – only set against a backdrop of encroaching evil in Amsterdam during World War II. Stowed away behind a bookcase in a secret annex with her family and others to flee the Nazis, Anne experiences her time in hiding as an adventure. Amidst closed quarters and random bomb blasts, Anne faces friction with family, a desire for independence, and the first stirrings of young love. As Anne's identity solidifies, so does her resolve to be a writer – her diary a tangible and remarkable record of a young woman's first-hand observations of the Holocaust, and of the innate goodness she still sees in people. Drawing on Anne Frank's own words in the most accurate-ever adaptation of the revered memoir, Masterpiece presents *The Diary of Anne Frank* on Holocaust Remembrance Day, 2010. The longest-running prime-time drama series, and winner of several Emmy awards, Masterpiece is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston.

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