

The Netherlands



Netherland's Flag



Red = strength and courage White = honesty and peace Blue = loyalty and truth



Windmills & Tulips



Bicycles



Dams



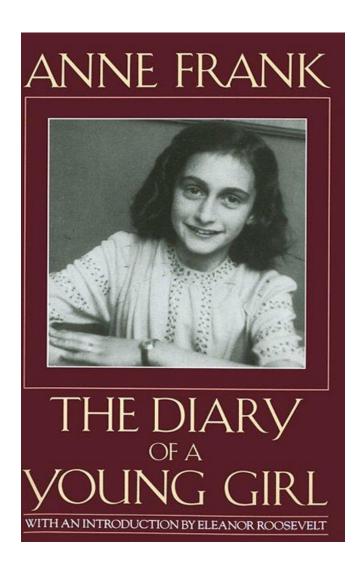
Euro – currency of The Netherlands

Interesting Facts 1.

- The Netherlands is a small country sandwiched between <u>Belgium</u> and <u>Germany</u> in Western Europe. The North Sea, located to the north and west of the Netherlands, is continually battering the land.
- The name Netherlands means "low countries." The country is sometimes called Holland.
- The Dutch have a saying: "God made the Earth, but the Dutch made Holland." The North Sea would have washed away the Netherlands if the Dutch had not erected defenses to protect their land.
- Over the centuries, the Dutch have built series of <u>canals, dams, dikes</u>, and <u>pumping stations</u> to keep the sea and rivers back.

Interesting Facts 2.

- Many people who live in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht, and other cities ride <u>bicycles</u> to get around. There are three times as many bicycles as there are cars in the Netherlands.
- The Dutch are on average the <u>tallest people in the world</u>. Men are six feet tall on average (182.5 cm) and women are 5 feet 7 inches (170.5 cm).
- <u>Tourism</u> is important to the country, and many visitors come to see
 <u>Dutch art, architecture—and the flowers</u>. <u>Tulips</u> are a major
 industry, and the Dutch produce billions of bulbs a year—more than
 any other country.



Famous book: The Diary of Anne Frank

Famous person: Vincent Van Gogh (artist)

