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I remember my days in high school when every single week, we had to talk about a different topic. For some reason, in one bimester, we talked about World War II for about three weeks, and the sub-topics about that topic were infinite; they never ended. There are two depictions that I remember learning about when I was in high school; the first one was *The Diary of Anne Frank*; we had one month to read that and make a presentation about how her life was and what she went through. The diary attempts to create several propositions about identity and the meaning of the world. Some of these propositions include the importance of hope and perseverance; we see that despite the horrors and difficulties of life in hiding, Anne's diary highlights the importance of maintaining hope and perseverance. Anne's writing often reflects her determination to survive and her belief in a better future, and most importantly, I would say that it was the significance of memory and remembrance because the diary emphasizes the importance of memory and remembrance in preserving the legacy of those who suffered during the Holocaust. Anne's writing has become a symbol of the Holocaust and serves as a reminder of the atrocities committed during that time. Another depiction that I am familiar with is *The Pianist*, although this is a film that I barely remember and probably should watch again. Something that I do remember and could say is a proposition about identity and the meaning of the world that there were people looking for purpose and meaning in the midst of chaos and war, which makes me wonder how brave some people were to see the positive in the negative.

Both of those depictions continue to resonate in these times because, sadly, intolerance and discrimination still exist in the world of today in different forms and different places; I would say that there is not one place where that doesn't exist, and those depictions remind us how we can end if we keep the hate and intolerance and encourage us to spread hope, perseverance, and human connection instead.