

Night
by Elie Wiesel

Section 1 Handout
(pages 1-20)

Questions:

1. What is the age of the narrator in 1941?
2. Where is Transylvania?
3. Describe Moshe the Beadle.
4. Describe Elie's family.
5. What series of events should have warned the Jews of Sighet that danger lay ahead? How did they respond to those events? What would you have done?
6. How does Moshe change when he returns to Sighet? What accounts for the change? Why did he come back? Why won't people believe his horrific story?
7. Why don't people fear the Germans? Hitler?
8. Describe "the race toward death."
9. Describe the ghetto.
10. Describe the process of deportation.
11. What evidence is there that people were expelled from their homes suddenly, as they were going about their ordinary lives?
12. Elie says "The people's morale was not too bad; we were beginning to get used to the situation" (18). What does this tell us about their continuing attitude and response to the danger?

Vocabulary:

1. cabbala
2. Talmud
3. synagogue
4. Hasidic
5. mysticism
6. Zohar
7. Gestapo
8. lorries
9. Fascists
10. Passover

Personal reflections: (use the back of the page if necessary)

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Section 3 Handout
(pages 45-80)

Questions:

1. What is Elie's "good camp" assignment?
2. Who are Elie's friends? What do they have in common?
3. How do Elie and others mark time in the labor camp?
4. What is the young French girl's secret?
5. Elie is angry with his father when Idek beats him. What does this tell you about what prison life is doing to Elie?
6. What happens to Elie's gold crown?
7. Explain the prisoners' cheerful attitude during the air raid.
8. What incident finally makes the prisoners cry?
9. Explain the line, "That night the soup tasted of corpses" (62).
10. What does Elie accuse God of?
11. Why does Elie call the assembly place of prayer a "mirage"?
12. Describe the very different effects of the Rosh Hashanah "celebration" on Elie and on his father.
13. What advice does the head of Elie's block give the prisoners to avoid being "selected"? What does this tell you about him?
14. Explain the quote, "Those whose numbers had been noted stood apart, abandoned by the whole world" (69).
15. Why is it ironic that the Jews don't have to work on Christmas or New Year's?
16. Discuss the implications of the quote, "I've got more faith in Hitler than in anyone else. He's the only one who's kept his promises, all his promises, to the Jewish people" (77).
17. What mistake do Elie and his father make when the camp is being evacuated?

Vocabulary:

1. meister
2. pipel
3. Rosh Hashanah
4. Yom Kippur
5. selection

Personal reflections:

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Section 4 Handout
(pages 81-109)

Questions: (Create your own study questions)

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Vocabulary

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Personal reflections: