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English 10

Night Study Questions

Chapter 1

1. Describe Moshe the Beadle. Explain his relationship with the Jews of Sighet, particularly Eliezer.
2. How does deportation change Moshe? How do others' feelings toward him change?
3. Why are spirits among the Jews of Sighet relatively high at the beginning of *Night*?

4. Describe life in the Sighet ghettos.

5. Explain the opportunities for escape that the Wiesels miss before evacuation.

Chapter 2

1. Describe the ghetto evacuation and journey to Auschwitz.

2. Identify the first signs of the ability of humans to act inhuman under tremendous stress.

3. Interpret the significance of Madame Schacter's insane warnings.

Chapter 3

1. Describe the first selection.
2. How do Eliezer and his father survive the first selection?
3. Explain the purpose of Birkenau.

4. What ultimately causes the dramatic change in Eliezer's religious faith at Birkenau?

5. Describe Eliezer's plan if he is selected for death at Birkenau.

6. Describe the prisoners' indoctrination into concentration camp life.

7. How does the prisoners' indoctrination benefit the Nazis?

8. For the most part, humanity was lost in the camps. Note acts of kindness and signs of hope in the midst of the bestiality.

Chapter 4

1. What is Buna? What does Eliezer do there?

2. What does the hanging of the child who looks like a sad angel symbolize for Eliezer?
3. Describe the Kapos.
4. What is ironic about the prisoners' feelings about air raids?
5. Explain the prisoners' attitude toward death.

Chapter 5

1. Describe Elie's feelings as the prisoners observe the Jewish New Year.
2. How do the prisoners in Elie's block survive the New Year's selection?
3. Describe the exchange of possessions between father and son when it appears that the elder Wiesel has been selected for death.
4. Why is Elie admitted to the camp hospital? What dangers face him there?

5. Discuss and evaluate Elie's decision to leave the hospital early.

Chapter 6

1. What keeps Elie going during the brutal march?
2. How does the realization that the Rabbi Eliahou's son purposely abandoned the Rabbi affect Elie?
3. How does Elie save his father from the selection at Gliewitz? Interpret what this reveals about Elie's continued commitment to his father.

Chapter 7

1. Describe the tragic incident between a father and son on the train. What might this event reveal about the fragile nature of humanity?

Chapter 8

1. Explain why Elie's father is denied medical care at Buchenwald.

2. Discuss Elie's feelings of guilt as his father dies. Do you think his feelings are rational?

Chapter 9

1. Describe the events that lead up to the liberation of Buchenwald.

2. What do the liberated prisoners do first?

3. Explain the irony of Elie's nearly fatal illness after liberation.

4. Discuss Elie's closing image of himself.