

Night Comprehension Questions

Chapter 1

1. Where did Elie Wiesel spend his childhood?
2. Name his 3 sisters.
3. Describe Moishe the Beadle.
4. What happens to Moishe in the beginning of chapter 1
5. Upon his return, what story does Moishe relate?
6. Why don't the people of Sighet believe Moishe's story?
7. Why does he say he came back?
8. How do the people of Sighet feel about the Germans at first?
9. What rights did the Jews lose after Passover?
10. Why were the Jews forced to live in the Ghettos?
11. What news does Elie's father learn the Saturday before Pentecost?
12. Describe the scene on p.21-22 (leaving the ghetto). Please do not copy the words. How does it make you feel?

Chapter 2

1. Describe the situation on the train.
2. What does Madame Schachter say she sees?

3. What did the people on the train do to quiet her down?
4. Where does the train finally stop?
5. How were Madame Schachter's screams a premonition?
6. Describe the scene on p. 27-8.

Chapter 3

1. Describe the scene on page 29.
2. What is going to happen to the prisoners at Auschwitz?
3. What would have happened to Elie if he did not lie about his age?
4. When Elie arrived at the barracks, what was he made to do?
5. What was the inscription on the iron door of Auschwitz?
6. Do you believe the inscription was true?
7. What does the Pole in charge of Elie's group advise him to do?
8. How does Drumer explain the reason the Jews are at the camp?

Chapter 4

1. Where were Elie and his father sent to work?
2. Why did Elie have to go to the dentist?

3. How did the French girl hide her identity?
4. From page 55, Why do you think people change so much?
5. What happened to Elie and his father when Franek asked for Elie's gold crown?
6. What was Elie's punishment for seing Idek with a girl?
7. What is the punishment for stealing soup?

Chapter 5

1. Where did Elie go after Yom Kippur?
2. What is the selection?
3. Why did Elie have to go to the hospital?
4. What happened to those whom stayed behind?

Chapter 6

1. What happened to anyone who could not keep up with the march?
2. How did Zalman die?
3. What horrible realization did Elie come to concerning Rabbi Eliahou and his son? How did Elie respond to this?
4. What was Juliek's last act?
5. How did Elie help his father when the selection was made?

Chapter 7

1. What did they do with the dead bodies on the train?
2. What happened when workmen threw bread on the train?
3. Meir Katz groaned, "Why don't they shoot us right away?" Why do you think they didn't?

Chapter 8

1. What is happening to Elie's father?
2. How does Elie feel about this?
3. How does Elie's father die?

Chapter 9

1. What does Elie see in the mirror when he looks back at his reflection for the first time since his imprisonment?
2. In what ways is his reflected image symbolic of his internal self as well as a description of his physical appearance?
3. Why can he never forget the look he saw in the eyes of his reflection?