

Night Study Guide Questions

Section 1 pp. 1-20

1. Describe Moshe, the Beadle. (p. 1-2)
2. Who is the narrator of the story? What point-of-view is used?
3. What is Elie Wiesel's hometown and what country?
4. In what year does Elie's story begin? How old was he then? (p.1)
5. Why did Eliezer pray, and why did he cry when he prayed?
6. Upon his return, what story did Moshe tell? (p. 5)
7. Why didn't the people believe him?
8. What world-known leader are the Jews afraid of and why? (p. 6)
9. List the rules the Jews are made to abide by. (p. 8)
10. What is a ghetto?
11. Why did the citizens resist the truth, even when it was in front of them?
12. What are the feelings of the Jews as they experience deportation? (p. 18)
13. Describe the conditions in the train (at the end of the chapter).

Section 2 pp. 21-32

1. Under whose authority are the Jews as they are transported out of Hungary? (p. 24)
2. Explain, "our eyes were opened, but too late." Where was the train at this point?
3. What is to happen to anyone who keeps anything valuable in his possession? (p. 24)
4. What was foreshadowed by Madame Schacter's nightmare?
5. What did some of the passengers do to quiet Madame Schacter?
6. Where did the train finally stop?
7. What is Elie's one thought as the Jews are separated? (p. 27)
8. What can you say about the faith of the older Jewish prisoners? (p. 29)
9. When questioned by the S.S. Officer, why did Elie lie about his age and occupation? (p. 29)
10. What was the first horrifying sight that Elie at first disbelieved? (p. 30)
11. Explain what Elie meant when he said, "Never shall I forget these flames which consumed my faith forever." (p. 32)
12. How had Elie changed in a short time? (p. 32)

Section 3 pp. 33-43

1. What are the prisoners made to do as they entered the barracks? (p. 32)
2. Who are the Kapos?
3. What happens to the prisoners the next morning? (p. 34)
4. What change does Elie state has taken place within him? (p. 34)
5. Why was it lucky that Elie's shoes were covered with mud? (p. 35)
6. Where does the SS officer say that they are? What does he say their choice is? (p. 36)

7. What does the Kapos do to Elie's father? (p. 36-37)
8. What is Elie's first impression of Aushwitz? (p. 38)
9. What is the compulsory formality at all of the concentration camps? (p. 38)
10. What sort of identification was used on the prisoners? (p. 39)
11. What were the prisoners' rations at each meal? (p. 40)
12. Why does Elie lie to Stein about his family? (p. 41)
13. Why was the prisoner in charge of Elie's block removed from this position? (p. 41)
14. Where are Elie and his father taken after leaving Aushwitz? (p. 43)

Section 4 pp. 44 - 62

1. What were the objectives of the medical examinations?
2. Why were the Jewish musicians not allowed to play music by Beethoven?
3. Describe one of Idek's bouts of madness.
4. How did Elie initially avoid losing his gold crown?
5. Whom did Elie meet years later on the Paris Metro?
6. What happened when Elie refused to give his crown to Franek? What was the end result?
7. Describe the scene with the soup cauldrons.
8. During one of the preliminary "ceremonies" for a hanging, what did Juliek whisper to Elie? What does this suggest?
9. During one hanging, Elie and the other prisoners cried. What made this hanging different from others?

Section 5 pp. 63-80

1. Why didn't Elie fast on Yom Kippur?
2. Describe the selection process Elie and his father go through at this time. (p. 67)
3. What advice was Elie given to pass the selection process?
4. How did Elie's father respond when he learned his name had been written down?
5. What has begun to happen to the faith of some of the Jews? (p. 72)
6. What did Akiba Drumer ask the others to do for him? Did they do it?
7. Why was Elie placed in the hospital? (p. 74)
8. What is Elie's reoccurring thought, the same thought he mentions in Chapter 3?
9. Why was the camp to be evacuated? What did Elie learn of the fate of those-who stayed behind in the hospital? (p. 77)

Section 6 pp. 81-92

1. What happened to anyone who could not keep up with the march?
2. What is it that keeps Elie from giving up and falling out of line during the evacuation?
3. How did Zalman die?
4. What horrible realization did Elie come to concerning Rabbi Eliahou and his son? How did Elie respond to this?
5. What was Juliek's last act?

6. What is the physical condition of Elie and his father after covering more than 42 miles by foot?
7. How did Elie help his father when the selection was made?

Section 7 pp.93-109

1. How old is Elie at the time of the evacuation when the prisoners traveled for ten days and nights? (p. 96)
2. How did Elie again help his father when they were on the train?
3. Describe the scene Elie witnessed between the father and son.
4. How many got out of the wagon? Where had they arrived?
5. What is the familiar fear Elie feels when they arrive at Buchenwald? (p. 99)
6. What is Elie's father's condition and spirit at Buchenwald? (p. 100)
7. When he becomes separated from his father, what is Elie's thought that he is ashamed of later? (p. 101)
8. What did Elie think of the advice given to him by the head of the block?
9. What happens to Elie's father? (p. 105-106)
10. While awaiting evacuation, how long does Elie go without food? (p. 107-108)
11. What happened on April 5th?
12. What was the resistance movement? What did they do?
13. What did the prisoners do when they were freed?
14. Do the released prisoners think of revenge? (p. 109)