

## ***Night* by Elie Wiesel: Comprehension Questions**

Directions: Please answer the questions using complete sentences. Be sure to use support from the chapter to answer each question. You may quote descriptions from the book if you'd like.

USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

### **Chapter 1 Questions**

1. Describe Moshe, the Beadle.
2. Why did Eliezer pray, and why did he cry when he prayed?
3. Upon his return, what story did Moshe tell?
4. Why didn't the people believe him?
5. Cite examples of how the Jewish citizens of Sighet began to lose their rights.
6. What is a ghetto?
7. Why did the citizens resist the truth, even when it was in front of them?
8. Describe the conditions on the train (at the end of the chapter).

### **Chapter 2 Questions**

1. Explain, "our eyes were open, but too late." Where was the train at this point?
2. What was foreshadowed by Madame Schacter's nightmare?
3. What did some of the passengers do to quiet Madame Schacter?
4. Where did the train finally stop?

### **Chapter 3 Questions**

1. When questioned by the S.S. Officer, why did Elie lie about his age and occupation?
2. What was the first horrifying sight that Elie, at first, disbelieved?
3. Explain what Elie meant when he said, “Never shall I forget these flames which consumed my faith forever.”
4. How has Elie changed in a short time?
5. What was Elie’s first impression of Auschwitz after leaving Birkenau?
6. What was the “compulsory formality” at the entrance to all camps?
7. What sort of identification was used on the prisoners?
8. Why was the prisoner in charge of Elie’s block removed from this position?
9. What were the prisoner’s rations at each meal?
10. What was Bela Katz forced to do once he was chosen for his strength?

### **Chapter 4 Questions**

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 Julieck whisper to Elie? What does this suggest?

9. During one hanging, Elie and the other prisoners cried. What made this hanging different from others?

### **Chapter 5 Questions**

1. Why didn't Elie fast on Yom Kippur?
2. What advice was Elie given to pass the selection process?
3. How did Elie's father respond when he learned his name had been written down?
4. What did Akiba Drumer ask the others to do for him? Did they do it?
5. Why was Elie placed in the hospital?
6. Why was the camp to be evacuated? What did Elie learn of the fate of those who stayed behind in the hospital?

### **Chapter 6 Questions**

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 Questions**

1. How did Elie again help his father when they were on the train?

2. Describe the scene Elie witnessed between the father and son.
3. How many got out of the wagon? Where had they arrived?

### **Chapter 8 Questions**

1. Explain how the father/son roles had been reversed in the case of Elie and his father.
2. Why was Elie's father being beaten?
3. What did Elie think of the advice given to him by the head of the block?

### **Chapter 9 Questions**

1. What happened on April 5th?
2. What was the resistance movement? What did they do?
3. What did the prisoners do when they were freed?