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Night Study Guide Questions (SG?)

Answer each set of Study Guide Questions on a separate piece of paper. Each set is identified by bold and underlined font below. Answers must be three or more sentences each. Answer the question, give a reason/detail/example, and provide some commentary/analysis for each question. Any answer that is less than three sentences will receive a maximum of half credit.

Section 1

1. Describe Moshe (spelled Moche in some versions) the Beadle.
2. Describe Elie Wiesel's father. What was his occupation?
3. Why was Moshe the Beadle important to Elie Wiesel?
4. Summarize the story Moshe the Beadle told on his return from being deported. Why did he say he had returned to Sighet?
5. What was the public reaction to Moshe's story?
6. What was the setting and the year for the first section of the book? What was the world condition at the time?
7. Describe, in order, the events that happened from the last day of Passover until Pentecost.
8. How did Wiesel say he felt about the Hungarian police?
9. Who was Martha (Maria in some versions)? What happened when she visited the Wiesel family in the ghetto?

Sections 2, 3

1. To what did Wiesel compare the world?
2. What did Madame Schächter see in her vision?
3. How did the other people in the car react to Madame Schächter?
4. What did the Jews in the train car discover when they looked out the window?
5. Where did the train stop?
6. When did Wiesel say the travelers left their illusions behind?
7. What was Elie's main thought as the men and women were being herded from the train?
8. Which notorious SS officer did they meet at Auschwitz?
9. What prayer were the people saying? Why was it unusual?
10. What did Elie do when the gypsy struck his father? Why? What was his father's response?
11. How long were Elie and his father at Auschwitz? Where did they go after that?

Section 4

1. Describe Elie's encounter with the dentist.
2. What were the only things in which Elie took an interest?
3. What did Elie Wiesel do when Idek hit his father? What was he thinking?
4. Who took Elie's gold tooth? Why did Elie give it up?
5. How did Elie describe the men after the air raid?
6. What happened to the young man from Warsaw? Why?
7. How did Elie say the soup tasted the night the *pipel* (young servant boy) was hanged?

Section 5

1. What did the men do on the eve of Rosh Hashana?
2. How did Elie feel while the others were praying?
3. What was Elie's decision about fasting on Yom Kippur? Why did he make that decision?
4. What did Elie dream of when he dreamed of a better world?
5. What was Elie's "inheritance" from his father? Why was his father giving it to him?
6. Did the men remember to say the Kaddish for Akiba Drumer?
7. What happened to the patients who stayed in the hospital instead of being evacuated?
8. What was the last thing the head of the block ordered the men to do before they evacuated? Why?
9. What was the weather like during the evacuation?

Sections 6, 7, 8, 9

1. While running, an idea began to fascinate Elie. What was the idea? What kept him from carrying out his idea?
2. What did Elie realize about Rabbi Eliahou and his son?
3. What was the name of the camp to which the men walked?
4. Describe Elie's meeting with Julieck. What was Julieck playing on his violin?
5. How long were they at Gleiwitz? What were the conditions like while they were there?
6. Who was Meir Katz? What happened to him?
7. How many men started out in the train? How many were still alive when they arrived and got off the train?
8. They were on the train for **10 days and 10 nights** (This is important to know, but not all versions of the book indicate the exact number of days). When the train stopped at the final destination, where had the prisoners arrived?
9. What happened to Mr. Wiesel, Elie's father?
10. What was Elie's only desire?
11. What happened on April 10-11, 1945?