

Night Comprehension Questions

Chapter 1

1. Where did Elie Wiesel spend his childhood?
2. Name his 3 sisters
3. Describe Moshe the Beadle
4. What happens to Moshe in the beginning of chapter 1
5. Upon his return, what story does Moshe relate?
6. Why don't the people of Sighet believe Moshe'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 pp 14&15(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 pp 22-23.

Chapter 3

1. Describe the scene on page 30.
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 52, 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 seeing Idek with a girl?
7. What is the punishment for stealing soup?

