

## STUDY GUIDE: PART ONE:

### *Night*, by Elie Wiesel.

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#### Section #1: Pages 1-28 (p. 26 Rodway)

1. In his hometown, why did Eliezer spend a lot of time with Moshe the Beadle?
2. Why did Moshe leave Sighet, and how did the rest of the community react to what had to say when he returned?
3. What happened to Moshe that caused a great change in him?
4. What were the ghettos?
5. Who offered Eliezer's family safe refuge?
6. On what day of the week was Eliezer's family expelled?
7. Who was Madame Schächter, and why is she important to Elie's story?

**Section #2: Pages 29-46 (Rodway pp. 27-43)**

8. Why did the Hungarian lieutenant move among the prisoners with a basket?
9. Who were the SS men?
10. What was Eliezer's last view of his mother and sister?
11. Why did Eliezer and his father lie to Dr. Mengele?
12. Why did his father wish Eliezer had gone with his mother?
13. What was actually happening to the women?
14. What is the *Kaddish*?
15. According to the SS officer, what was the only way to avoid the furnaces?
16. Why did the gypsy strike Eliezer's father?
17. To what new camp were the prisoners marched?

**NIGHT: Pages 47-end (Rodway 45-end)**

1. They had medical and dental exams as they entered camp, but what was the dentist really looking for?
2. Did Eliezer lose his gold tooth? What happened?
3. Eliezer is beaten for supposedly "meddling in other people's affairs." Who was really doing something wrong?
4. Are the prisoners fearful during the air raid or do they actually want it to continue so the camp is bombed more?
5. Why did they hang the young man? What does he say as they hang him?
6. Were the prisoners deeply affected or not very upset by this hanging?
7. Later, a young boy is hung. What is the affect on the prisoners this time?
8. At the end of the first hanging Eliezer says the soup tasted excellent that night. Then, after the hanging of the child, he said the soup tasted like corpses. What is he really trying to say by these statements about the soup?
9. What is the Jewish holiday being celebrated?
10. On this holy day, who does Eliezer blame for the atrocities and the killing?
11. What do Jews do on *Yom Kippur*, and does Elie do it too? Explain his actions.

12. However, how does Eliezer's "act" make him feel in his heart?
13. What is selection?
14. His father's number is chosen in the 1<sup>st</sup> selection and they think he might die. What does he give Eliezer as his "inheritance"?
15. What happens to Eliezer's foot?
16. Why does Elie believe that Akiba Dumer could have avoided the selection?
17. What was Eliezer's prayer that "rose up in his heart," about, as he thought about Rabbi Eliahou and his son who had disappeared?
18. Eliezer's father is taken for dead on the train, but what happens?
19. After they finally make it to the new camp, Elie's father wants to do something. What?
20. Eliezer's father is finally very sick. What advice does the "head of the block" give?
21. What happens to Eliezer's father because he is delirious and keeps calling to him?
22. How does Elie describe himself as the book ends? What does this mean?