

Night by Elie Wiesel

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Elie Wiesel at liberation of Buchenwald. He is pictured on the second tier, seventh from left, closest to the post.

1. Akiba Drumer is a very spiritual man who maintains his faith though much of the Jews' suffering in the camps. What happens to him and why?

What final request does he make of Elie and the others that they do not follow through?

2. What medical problem does Elie develop in winter? What does he get in the infirmary that he forgets people have when they sleep?

What advice is he given by a Hungarian Jew who is beside him in the infirmary?

Use a quote to describe this man in the infirmary.

3. What happens in the hospital? How long is the recovery? Why does he not wait out the recovery period in the infirmary?

4. What does he learn would have happened if he and his father would have stayed in the infirmary when everyone else left?
5. What is strange that the Nazis make the prisoners do to the camp before evacuation? Why does this seem so strange?

Why do the Nazis decide the entire camp should be evacuated?

6. What is the only reason Elie says he keeps running mile after mile, in spite of the freezing conditions, his hunger, his weakened body, his painful foot? Why doesn't he just give up and die?
7. Where does his father tell him not to fall asleep? Why not?
8. What is Juliek clutching when he dies? Why?
9. Elie has lived through all three parts of Auschwitz in Poland: Birkenau, Auschwitz, and Buna camp. The Death March run ends in Gleiwitz in Germany. What did they eat or drink for the 3 days they stay here?
10. They board an open air train and ride for days to Buchenwald camp in Germany. What do they eat here that the SS men found amusing? What happened to people who died along this journey?

11. Elie mentions his own reaction to his father changing in this story. What are two other times he describes sons betraying their fathers for their own survival?

12. How many people out of 100 survived this journey?

13. How has Elie's father's condition worsened in Buchenwald? Describe what condition he is suffering from.

14. What are Elie's thoughts deep down when he learns his father's final fate?

15. Why does Elie not describe anything from Jan. 29 til his liberation on April 11?

16. There is an underground resistance in the camps. How do they rise up and lead to the survival of several thousand?

17. What has Elie not seen since he left the ghetto?

18. He leaves the reader with the image of himself as a corpse. Besides physically resembling a corpse, how else have the Nazis reduced him to a corpse?