

Night Journal Responses (3 - 22)

When the news arrives that the ghettos will be evacuated, the destination of the Jews is unknown to all except for the president of the Jewish council, whom the Gestapo had threatened to shoot if he talks. Evaluate his decision to keep the secret. Was it the right thing to do? (13)

Predict how life would be different for Elie and his family if they had been able to open the sealed window when the Hungarian police inspector knocked. What would he have told them? How would they have reacted? (14)

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Criticize Elie's father's decision not to leave the small ghetto to live with Maria, their former maid who has prepared a safe shelter for them. Should he have given Elie and his older sisters the choice to be separated from their parents and their youngest sister? How would things have turned out differently if he had made a different decision? (20)

Defend the choice made by Elie and his older sisters to remain with their parents and younger sister instead of going to live with their former maid, Maria. Why do you think they make this choice? Would you have done the same? Why or why not?

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Choose one of the following questions for your
Journal Response (47-65)

1. Select an important passage from this section of *Night* that shows Elie's struggle to protect his father. Copy the passage. Then explain the passage and how it connects to other events between Elie and his father.
2. Select an important passage from this section of *Night* that shows Elie's struggle to care for himself. Copy the passage. Then explain the passage and how it connects to other events where Elie is concerned about his own safety and well-being.

Choose one of the following questions for your
Journal Response (66-84)

1. Evaluate Elie's decision to leave the infirmary. Was this the right choice? Why or why not? What are the risks if he stays? What are the risks if he leaves?
2. Judge Elie's father for allowing Elie to make the decision to leave the infirmary and go on the march. Do you think he should have put this responsibility on Elie?
3. Evaluate the decision made by the head of Elie's block to have prisoners clean out the block before they are evacuated. Do you think this is strange? Why or why not?

Choose one of the following questions for your
Journal Response (85-115)

1. Judge the son who kills his own father on the train. Why did he do it? Was it worth it? What do the son's actions show about what the camps have done to him?
2. Evaluate Elie's treatment of his dying father. How did he treat him? Is there anything more he could have done for him under the circumstances?
3. Judge the ending of the text. Wiesel writes only a few lines about the events after his liberation. Do you think this is an effective way to end the book? Why or why not? What else might Wiesel have done?