Night Study Guide

English 10 Honors

Part I: Make sure to revisit and be familiar with Wiesel's Nobel lecture and biography, and Adolf Hitler's Biography

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Part II:	Characters and	Vocabulary
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Part III: The Plot (order of events and setting)

Part IV: Analysis of important quotes/passages

Note: There may be passages on the test that are not included in the following section.

Section 1

1. "The real answers, Eliezer, you will find only within yourself" (5).

2. "Moishe was not the same. The joy in his eyes was gone. He no longer sang... Others flatly said that he had gone mad" (7).

3. "Yes, we even doubted his resolve to exterminate us. Annihilate an entire people? . . . In the middle of the twentieth century!" (8)

4. "The ghetto was ruled by neither German or Jew; it was ruled by delusion" (12).

5. "Valuable objects, precious rugs, silver candlesticks, Bibles and other ritual objects were strewn over the dusty grounds - - pitiful relics that seemed never to have had a home. All this under a magnificent blue sky" (15).

6. "There was joy, yes, joy. ... Anything seemed preferable to that" (16).

7. "Open rooms everywhere. Gaping doors and windows looked out into the void ... An open tomb. A summer sun" (17).

8. "Night. No one was praying for the night to pass quickly. The stars were but sparks of the immense conflagration that was consuming us. . . nothing would be left in the sky but extinct stars and unseeing eyes" (21).

Section 2

9. Lying down was not an option, nor could we all sit down... The lucky ones found themselves near a window; they could watch the blooming countryside flit by" (23).

10. "Our very skin was aching. It was as though madness had infected all of us. We gave up. A few young men forced her to sit down, then bound and gagged her" (26).

Section 3

11. "For the first time I felt anger rising within me. Why should I sanctify His name? The Almighty, the eternal and terrible Master of the Universe, chose to be silent. What was there to thank Him for?" (33).

12. "Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, that turned my life into one long night seven times sealed... Never shall I forget those things, even were I condemned to live as long as God himself. Never" (34).

13. "My soul had been invaded - - and devoured - - by a black flame" (37).

14. "I tried to protect myself from the blows by hiding behind others. It was spring. The sun was shining" (40).

15. "ARBEIT MACHT FREI. Work makes you free" (40).

Section 4

16. "Of course. But on one condition: I want to stay with my father" (48).

17. "Bite your lips, little brother ... Don't cry... Clench your teeth and wait..." (53).

18. "Next to the kitchen, two cauldrons of hot, steaming soup had been left untended . . . Two lambs without a shepherd, free for the taking. But who would dare?" (59).

19. "That night, the soup tasted of corpses" (65).

Section 5

20. "But now, I no longer pleaded for anything...I felt like an observer, a stranger" (68).

21. "And three days after he left, we forgot to say Kaddish" (77).

Section 6

22. "I soon forgot him. I began to think of myself again. My foot was aching, ...To no longer feel anything, neither fatigue nor cold, nothing. To break rank, to let myself slide to the side of the road..." (86).

23. "And something in me rebelled against death. Death, which was settling in all around me, silently, gently. It would seize upon a sleeping person, steal into him and devour him bit by bit" (89).

Section 7

24. "Beasts of prey unleashed, animal hate in their eyes. An extraordinary vitality possessed them, sharpening their teeth and nails" (101).

Section 8

25. "I gave him what was left of my soup...Just like Rabbi Eliahu's son, I had not passed the test" (107).

26. "I did not weep, and it pained me that I could not weep...I might have found something like: Free at last!..." (112).

Section 9

27. "I remained in Buchenwald until April 11...From time to time I would dream. But only about soup, and extra ration of soup" (113).

28. "From the depths of the mirror, a corpse was contemplating me. The look in his eyes as he gazed at me has never left me" (115).