**Night Study Questions**

**Reading Guide Chapter 1:**

1. What year did Elie get to know Moishe the Beadle?
2. Describe Moishe in a sentence.
3. How did Elie spend his day?
4. Describe Elie’s father’s personality:
5. What two questions does the Beadle ask young Elie?
6. How does man raise himself to God, according to the Beadle?
7. Why did Elie and the Beadle read the same passage of the Zohar ten times?
8. Why was Moishe the Beadle expelled from Hungary?
9. Describe, in detail, what happened to the deportees:
10. Describe the change in Moishe:
11. How do the rest of the Jews respond to his story?
12. Why did the Jews doubt that Hitler would destroy them?
13. After the German troops entered Hungary, what happened to the Jews in Budapest?
14. Explain why the Jews remained optimistic:

**Reading Review: Chapter II**

1. Who was Mrs. Schachter? How was she behaving on the train? Why?
2. What were the Jews suffering from while on the train?
3. In this chapter, what were they informed would be there last destination?
4. Where did they finally get out of the cattle cars? What did they see that smelled wretched?

**Reading Review: Chapter III**

1. Once they left the cars, what was the first thing they were forced to do?
2. Who did Elie see for the last time?
3. What did the inmate tell Elie and his Father to do? Why?
4. Who is Dr. Mengele?
5. As Elie and his Father moved through the camp, what were they marching towards? What did Elie witness that made sleep “elude” him?
6. After being marched into the barracks (pg. 34) what process were they forced to go through? Provide details.
7. On page 38, what did Elie mean when he smelled, “The Angel of Death”? Who was this person, and what options did he give them?
8. That morning, which camp were they moved to? What are Elie’s first impressions of this camp?
9. At this camp, what number was inscribed on Elie’s arm? What did he lose simultaneously?
10. Describe how the inmates were treated at this new camp.
11. Who did Elie meet at this camp? What lie did he tell him?
12. Where were they moved to at the end of the chapter?

**Reading Review: Chapter IV**

1. When Elie first got to the camp he was proposed a trade in order to get into a good “kommando.” What was he asked to trade?
2. Where did Elie and his father work while at Buna? (be specific)
3. Why was Elie sent to the dentist?
4. Who showed Elie kindness after he was beaten by Idek the Kapo? What additional story did Elie relate to this person?
5. What did Elie practice with his father to prevent him from getting beaten?
6. What did Elie discover in the warehouse during a day off?

**Reading Review: Pages 57-66**

1. What was Elie’s punishment for catching Idek with the Polish girl?
2. What happened at the camp that caused all the prisoners to take cover inside the barracks?
3. During this event, what did everyone in the camp witness near the soup cauldron?
4. Who was hung in the gallows the first time? What was his crime?
5. Who was hung in the gallows the second time? What was his crime?
6. How did Elie relate the taste of his soup after each hanging?

**Reading Review: Pages 66-76**

1. In the beginning of the chapter the prisoners refused eat their food. How come?
2. Who is Elie angry with at the beginning of the chapter? (who is he talking to?)
3. During Yom Kippur, or, “The Day of Atonement” what are observant Jews supposed to do? Did Elie do this? Why?
4. The inmates were forced into a selection for the second time. What were they told would increase their chances of not getting selected by Dr. Mengele?
5. What was the result of Elie and his Father’s selection?

Night Reading Guide Pages 76-85

1. Who was Akiba Drumer? What happened to him?
2. What physical ailment (ailment) caused Elie to go to the infirmary?
3. What was the risk of staying in the infirmary?
4. There were rumors of the Russian front nearing the camp. What did the Nazis decide to do with the Jews?
5. What choice did Elie and his Father have? What was their choice?
6. What did Elie find out later about the choice him and his father made?

Night Reading Guide Pages 85-98

1. During the forced march out of Buna, what happened to prisoners who could not march?
2. What did Elie say kept him from giving up?
3. After their first march, where did they stop?
4. What did Elie’s father describe as a dangerous thing to do at this point?
5. Who is Rabbi Eliahu? Who is he looking for?
6. After leaving their first stop, where did they go next?
7. At their second stop, Elie met a familiar person, Juliek. What did Juliek bring with him? What happened to Juliek?
8. Where were the prisoners put at the end of the chapter?

Night Reading Guide Pages 98-103

1. Elie and his Father, amongst the other prisoners, were now back on a train. Why did the train make periodic (every so often) stops?
2. What happened at one particular German village that caused the prisoners to fight one another?
3. How old is Elie at this point in the story?
4. At which camp did they eventually arrive?

Night Reading Guide: Pages 104-112

1. After their arrival at the camp, what was Elie looking forward to?
2. What do Elie and his father argue about? What did Elie say he was actually arguing with?
3. After Elie brought his father soup, what “test” did he believe that he (Elie) did not pass?
4. What was Elie’s father suffering from? What happened to him at the end of the chapter?
5. What was the Day and Year?

Night Reading Guide: The Final Chapter

1. Who eventually came to Liberate the camp?
2. At the end of the chapter Elie looks at himself in the mirror. What does he see?