

## Night Guided Reading Questions

### Chapter 1

1. In what town did Weisel spend his childhood?
2. List physical description of Moishe the Beadle.
3. In what year did Weisel meet Moishe the Beadle?
4. How old was Weisel when he met Moishe the Beadle?
5. What were the names of Weisel's sisters?
6. What did Weisel's parents do for a living?
7. To whom did Weisel look to for spiritual guidance?
8. From what book did Weisel read over and over again?
9. When Moishe the Beadle was taken away with the other Jewish foreigners, where did Weisel and the others think they had gone?
10. How did Moishe the Beadle escape the Gestapo in Hungary?
11. Although the people wouldn't listen to him, why did Moishe the Beadle want to return to Sighet?
12. What was the encouraging news announced on London radio?
13. What was the splendid news from the Russian front in the Spring of 1944?
14. With what did the Jewish elders not concern themselves?
15. How did Weisel's father respond when it was suggested that they sell everything and leave?
16. What political party had seized power?
17. What event finally made the people begin to worry?
18. How long did it take the German Army vehicles to arrive in Sighet?
19. What was the first impression of the German soldiers?
20. What happened on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Passover?
21. What was the first edict (rule)?
22. What did Weisel's father do to their savings and valuables?
23. What were the Jews forced to wear?
24. What was the reaction to the Jewish ghettos?
25. What was the bad news Weisel's father was called away for?
26. According to rumor, where were the transports going? Why?
27. What was Weisel's responsibility the night his father was taken away for Jewish council?
28. For what were the children crying when sent outside to await transport?
29. Once the majority of the people were evacuated, to what did Weisel compare the empty homes?
30. At what point did Weisel begin to hate the Hungarian police?
31. Once moved to the smaller ghetto, what phrase did Weisel's mother repeat?
32. How many people were put in each cattle car?
33. After two days, what two things became intolerable?

Chapter 2 (pg. 23)

1. What was the name of the town near Czechoslovakia where Weisel and the others realized they were being taken out of Hungary?
2. What threat were the people given if one should escape the cattle car?
3. What does Mrs. Schacter think she saw from the train?
4. How was she silenced?
5. What was the final destination of Weisel's cattle car?
6. What is ironic about Mrs. Schacter falling silent on her own when they see the flames at Birkenau?

Chapter 3 (pg. 29)

1. What were the "eight words spoken quietly, indifferently, without emotion"?
2. What ages did the fellow inmate suggest that Weisel and his father claim?
3. What does Weisel think will happen to them?
4. To what did Weisel compare his barrack?
5. What horrible thing happened to Belia Katz?
6. Why did Weisel "thank God for having created mud"?
7. What choice did the SS officer give Weisel's group once he told them they were in a concentration camp in Auschwitz?
8. What was "the only word that had a real meaning" in Auschwitz?
9. What happened to Weisel's father when he asked to go to the toilet?
10. What is the meaning of the phrase: "Arbeit Macht Frei"?
11. What was the worst danger that Weisel and his father endured?
12. What became Weisel's new identification?
13. What was the evening meal?
14. How long were Weisel and his father at Auschwitz?
15. What did Weisel's father say to reassure Weisel that his mother and little sister were safe?