

## ***Night* Essay**

### **Directions:**

Choose one prompt below to respond to in a 5 paragraph essay. **Be sure to develop a strong thesis statement that makes an argument and topic sentences for each body paragraph. Support your ideas with ample evidence from the text.**

- 1) One of the most tragic themes in *Night* is Eliezer's discovery of the way that atrocities and cruel treatment can make decent people into brutes. Does Elie himself escape this fate? Use specific events to convey your opinion.
- 2) Elie Wiesel won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 for his championing of human rights around the world. How might his advocacy for human rights have grown out of his Holocaust experiences? What are the positive lessons of the Holocaust that Wiesel hints at in *Night*?
- 3) We discussed how Wiesel utilizes motifs in his book, *Night* (night, eyes). Explore how the use of his motif helps to develop character, plot, or other literary elements.
- 4) Discuss why it is important to study the Holocaust and why it should not be forgotten. Be sure to include references to *Night* to support your argument.
- 5) Dehumanization is the process by which the Nazis reduced the Jews to little more than "things" which were a nuisance to them. Discuss how dehumanization occurred in *Night* (you can include events that occurred that dehumanized Eliezer, his father, or his fellow Jews) and how this helped Hitler achieve his ends.
- 6) Oftentimes in novels, authors write with a purpose to teach the reader something about the subject. What lesson is Wiesel teaching in *Night*?