

# **Night**

## **Part One—(Sections One-Two, pp. 3-28) Comprehension Check**

**Directions:** As you read and take notes using the note-taking technique described on page 25, use the Comprehension Check questions below to help guide your understanding of all aspects of the novel. You may want to use these questions to help you take notes. After reading the given sections, answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

### **Section One (pp. 3-22)**

1. Who was Moishe the Beadle? Why was he an important figure in Mr. Wiesel's life?
2. Discuss the importance of religion in Mr. Wiesel's young life.
3. What significant event happened to Moishe the Beadle? Why? What story did he tell upon his return? How did Moishe escape this wretchedness?
4. Why did people refuse to listen to his stories of what had happened?
5. Moishe said, "I wanted to return to Sighet to describe to you my death so that you might ready yourselves while there is still time." What did he mean by this?
6. Why did Elie's father refuse to sell everything and move to Palestine? What is your opinion of his decision? Why?
7. What were the Fascists doing to the Jews in Budapest? Why did the others refuse to take this action seriously?
8. After the leaders of the Jewish community were arrested, what were the orders to the other Jews?
9. What was the ghetto? At first, why were the Jews unconcerned about being placed in the ghettos? Soon afterwards, what happened to make them change their minds?
10. The inspector from the Hungarian police knocked on the window, but by the time someone went to see who it was, he was gone. What is the significance of this?
11. How did the Hungarian police treat the Jews as they told them the time had come?
12. Why did the Jews leave their valuables behind?
13. Explain why Elie and his older sisters refused to go to Maria's village with her.
14. What were the conditions in the cattle car?

### **Section Two (pp. 23-28)**

1. What had happened to Mrs. Schächter to make her behave as she did? What did she continually shout about to the Jews?
2. How did the men finally subdue her?
3. When they reached a station, where were they? What would they do there?
4. What did Mrs. Schächter's cries foreshadow?