

Possible Essay Questions – *Night*

1. Support or contradict the following statement about Elie Wiesel based on *Night*. Be sure to use at least three pieces of evidence from the book to support your view: *Eliezer probably would not have survived life in the camps if he had been alone, without his father.*
2. Do you agree with the characterization of *Night* as “a slim volume of terrifying power” (*New York Times*, cover blurb)?
3. Support or contradict the following statement: In *Night*, Elie Wiesel describes his own loss of faith.
4. Compare and contrast Wiesel’s relationship with his father to another father/son relationship mentioned in the book, such as Rabbi Eliahou and his son.
5. One of the most tragic themes in *Night* is Eliezer’s discovery of the way that atrocities and cruel treatment can make good people into brutes. Does he himself escape this fate?
6. Does Wiesel suggest any rationale behind the Holocaust in *Night*? Does he speculate as to the motives of the perpetrators? What, for Wiesel, are those motives, if they exist?