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Activity #3: Freewriting
Use Before Reading

Directions: Freewrite (without stopping or correcting) using the following sentence-starters. Spend two or three minutes on each. (Continue on the back if you run out of space.)

1. Man's inhumanity to man...
2. Anti-Semitism today...
3. A living nightmare ..
4. When something terrible happens, the idea that "It is meant to be..."
5. Feeling that you and your body are disconnected...
6. A son owes it to his father...
7. "Ethnic cleansing" ...
8. Loyalty becomes fanaticism when...

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Study Questions
Use During Reading

Directions: Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions for review before group discussions and before your novel test.
*Must be in complete sentences/restate the question on
Pages 1-12 13-23 a sep. sheet of paper.*

1. When and where was the author's early boyhood spent?
2. How was Moshe the Beadle "different"?
3. What did the author and Moshe talk about?
4. Why did Moshe disappear for a few months?
5. How did people respond to Moshe's stories about the Gestapo?
6. Why did the author's father say that he was "too old to start a new life"?
7. What happened in Sighet on the seventh day of Passover?
8. What did every Jew have to wear?
9. What was the ghetto?
10. List three rights the Jews of Sighet lost by decree.

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11. Why was someone knocking on the window?
12. Why did everyone prepare to leave Sighet?
13. What did the Jews think might be the reason for their deportation?
14. List three ways the deportees were abused.
15. Where were the deportees told they were going?

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16. What had "broken" Mme. Schachter?
17. What did Mme. Schachter scream about?
18. To what station were the deportees brought?
19. How did Mrs. Schachter's dream come true?
20. How did the author get separated from his mother?
21. Why didn't the deportees throw themselves on the guards?
22. What did the author see the Germans do to the truck full of children?
23. How did the author's faith change when he saw the children killed? -43
24. Why did the author plan to kill himself—then change his mind? 42

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25. Who were the first ones to beat the author and the others?
26. How was everyone "disinfected"? 45
27. Why did the author thank God for mud?
28. What did the SS officer say would happen to those who could not work?
29. Why did the gypsy strike the author's father?
30. What advice did the Polish prisoner in charge of the block give?
31. What was tattooed on each prisoner's left arm?
32. How did the author lie to his relation from Antwerp?
33. What motto was inscribed on the plaque at Auschwitz?
34. To what new camp were Elie Wiesel and his father sent?

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35. Why was special attention paid to some of the children at Buna?
36. Name one "job" the author had at Buna.
37. What did Yossi, Tibi, and the author plan to do after the liberation?
38. Why was the author sent to the dentist?
39. How did the French girl comfort the author?
40. Where did Wiesel and the girl meet again years later?
41. How did Franek get Wiesel to give up his gold crown?
42. Why was Wiesel given 25 lashes?
43. How were the two cauldrons of soup like "two lambs with a hundred wolves lying in wait for them"?
44. Why were the prisoners filled with joy instead of frightened by the bombs?
45. Why was the youth from Warsaw hanged?
46. Why were the Dutchman and the "pipel" hanged?

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47. How many men came to the Rosh Hashanah service?
48. How was this New Year's Day different for Wiesel?
49. Why didn't Wiesel fast on Yom Kippur?
50. What "fine New Year's gift" did the SS give the Jews?

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51. What did Wiesel do to avoid "selection" by Mengele?
52. What "inheritance" did Wiesel's father give his son when the father was "selected"?
53. How did Wiesel's father avoid the second selection?
54. What did Akiba Drumer and the rabbi from Poland have in common?
55. How did Elie Wiesel end up in the hospital?
56. Why did Wiesel leave the hospital only two days after his surgery?
57. What did the head of the block have the prisoners do before moving out?

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58. What made the move to Gleiwitz so hard?
59. How did Zalman die?
60. What happened to prisoners who stopped running?
61. Why did Eliezer's father make him wake up when he slept in the shed?
62. What didn't Eliezer tell Rabbi Eliahou?
63. How did Eliezer almost die in the barracks?
64. What did Juliek do before he died?
65. How did Eliezer save his father even after his father had been sent "to the left"?

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66. Why was Eliezer's father almost thrown from the train?
67. How did the German workmen amuse themselves?
68. Years later, how was the Parisienne's treatment of the "natives" like the Germans' treatment of the starving Jews?
69. How did the old man and his son die?
70. How did Meir Katz save Eliezer?
71. Why did only a dozen of the original 100 prisoners get off the cattle car Eliezer was on when the train arrived in Buchenwald?
72. Why didn't Eliezer want his father to rest while he himself had a hot bath?
73. Why did Eliezer feel ashamed of himself while he searched for his father?
74. Why did Eliezer hesitate to give his sick father water?
75. Why did Eliezer hate the doctors?
76. How did the other patients treat Eliezer's father?
77. How did Eliezer's father die?
78. How much longer was Eliezer in the camp after his father died?
79. What happened when the camp resistance movement acted?
80. What was the prisoners' first concern after liberation?
81. How did Eliezer nearly die three days after the liberation?