

Night Study Guide Chapters 1-3

Chapter One (p. 13-31)

1. What type of a father is Eliezer's father?
2. What do you think Moche's purpose is in asking Eliezer why he prays? What is Elie's response?
3. Explain why Moche returned to the village.
4. How would you describe Elie's level of piety in this initial chapter?
5. Why do the people of Eliezer's community doubt their fate?
6. What is ironic about the statement, "There they are, *your* Germans...where is their famous cruelty?" (Wiesel 19).

Chapter Three (p. 38)

1. What happens to Elie's family when they arrive at Birkenau?
2. What types of things do Elie and his father do in attempts to receive a better fate at the camps?
3. What is the inscription that appears above the entrance to Auschwitz? What is it supposed to mean? What meaning, if any, does this slogan come to have for Eliezer?
4. What dramatic change occurs with Elie spiritually in this chapter? Pinpoint it to a specific page or quote.
5. What are the first things that the SS do to the prisoners?
6. Why is it ironic that the electric fences are marked with "Warning: Danger of Death"?

