

Night Dialectical Journals

As we read *Night* you will keep a Dialectical Journal chronicling the themes in the novel. Some themes that I suggest paying close attention to include:

- 1) Theme of loss: loss of faith (in God, or in humanity); loss of self
- 2) Relationships between fathers and sons
- 3) Cruelty; treatment of others
- 4) Significance of “night”
- 5) Disbelief of Jews at their fate

While most of the quotes you choose should relate to a theme, you may also choose quotes that you find significant.

You will make 15 entries into your Dialectical Journals. Your journals will be collected when we have finished the novel. Make your entries as we read, so that you do not have to go back and search for quotes.

Each properly cited quote (must be in MLA format) is worth 1 point, and your explanation of the quote is worth 4 points (each explanation must be at least 5 sentences in length). That’s a total of 60 points!

SAMPLE:

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“Moshe had changed. There was no longer any joy in his eyes....He no longer talked to me of God or of the cabbala.” (Weisel 4).	Before Moshe was deported with the other foreign Jews, he was very faithful and religious. He and Elie would sit and talk about their faith for hours. After he witnesses the atrocities committed by the Germans, however, he no longer talks about God or his faith. It seems that he has lost his faith. Perhaps this foreshadows the loss of faith that many other Jews will experience because of their treatment by the Nazis.

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Congrats! You're done!