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Fishbowl Discussion Questions for *Night* by Elie Wiesel

*To complete our discussion of Night, you will conduct a fishbowl discussion on various aspects of the memoir. In order to prepare, make notes for the questions below. You will be evaluated for the following: your analysis and understanding of the text, the ideas you bring to the discussion, your listening skills, and your outer circle criticism.*

1. What role does memory play in Wiesel's motivation for writing *Night*? Why is it important to him?

2. What does it mean to be a witness? How does Wiesel function in this role? How is it both an individual and communal responsibility?

3. How is Wiesel altered by the experience of the death-camps?

4. What are the various ways that the Jews try to come to terms with God and what is happening to them? How does Wiesel respond? How should they have responded?

5. What are we to make of the scene with the boy upon the gallows?

6. What does Wiesel stress about the forced march and the loss of his father?

7. What is significant about the young man who plays his violin at his death?

8. Why does he end his memoir contemplating his emaciated body in a mirror?