

# Night Oprah & Elie Wiesel



**Name:**

Be ready to discuss the questions below in a fishbowl discussion. Thoughtfully respond to the questions below with answers you will be proud to share with your classmates. If you need more space, use your own paper.

1. Oprah mentions that when American and Russian troops liberated the camps, "all they found left behind were the dead and the walking dead." What do you think this means?
2. Describe the immensity of Auschwitz. Approximately how large is it? Why is it so large? Why does Wiesel say they would have run for the forest if they had known about Auschwitz?
3. Describe the selection. How did the SS officers decide where to send people? Where did the groups of people go and what was their fate?
4. Wiesel describes the refusal of the inmates to believe their families had been sent to the crematorium. Why do you think the prisoners carried denial with them, even after witnessing the selection and crematorium?
5. What is the present-day purpose of Auschwitz? Do present day students and other people have a responsibility to keep the memory alive? Why or why not?

6. Why does Wiesel say he was the wrong person to survive? Do you think there was a "right" person to survive? To what does Wiesel attribute his survival?
  
7. Wiesel discusses the different aspects of death. How is death the most difficult thing to adjust to after the war? Why does Wiesel say that an individual death is a privilege?
  
8. What does Wiesel mean when he says anger must be a catalyst?
  
9. Describe the significance of all the shoes and the hair. What is your personal response to the images of shoes and hair?
  
10. Respond to the final words in the video: "To Those Who Lost Their Lives, We Remember; To Those Who Survived, We Hear You; To The Next Generations, We Must Never Forget."

Now write two questions of your own to ask your classmates during the discussion. Good questions are open-ended questions you genuinely would like to hear discussed.

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