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Night Discussion Questions pages 1-12

1. Who was Moishe the Beadle?

2. What does Wiesel tell the reader of Moishe?

3. How does Wiesel describe himself as a boy of 12?

4. How does Wiesel describe his father?

5. Why did Elie's father prohibit him from studying the kabbalah?

6. How did Wiesel realize his wish to study the kabbalah?

7. What happened to Moishe?

8. Several months later, Elie saw Moishe the Beadle again. What story did Moishe tell?

9. How was Moishe able to escape?

10. How had Moishe changed as a result of his experience?

11. How did other people in the village react to Moishe's story? Why do you suppose they reacted this way?

12. In the spring of 1944, what political changes occurred in Hungary?

13. What was the attitude of the Jews of Sighet?

14. What literary device does Wiesel employ to emphasize the foolish optimism and denial of facts of the Jews living in Sighet? How is it used?

15. After the Germans arrived in Sighet, what was the prevailing attitude among the residents?

16. After Passover, Wiesel says, "the curtain rose." (Pg. 8) What does this refer to? What happened?

17. What was bitterly ironic about the comments that Wiesel's father made regarding the wearing of the yellow star?

18. What was the Nazi's next step?