Night Discussion Questions 12-24

1. How did the Jews in Sighet react to the formation of the ghettos?
2. The Germans had plans for the Jews of Sighet. What were those plans?
3. The Wiesel family were among the last to leave the large ghetto. Where were they sent?
4. Where did they go?
5. Despite all that happened, even after the Germans entered the capital of the Budapest, Wiesel tell us that people still remained optimistic about their future. How can you explain this optimism?
6. In this chapter Wiesel uses images from nature. How does he use the sun?

7. What does this imagery of night suggest? "Night. No one prayed, so that the night would pass quickly. The stars were only sparks of the fire which devoured us. Should that fire die out one day, there would be nothing left in the sky but dead stars, dead eyes." (Pg. 8)
8. Given the fact that the title of this book is <i>Night</i> , what do you suppose a major theme in this work will be?
9. A memoir is a story of one's life told by the person similar to an autobiography. Describe the tone of this memoir, and speculate on why Wiesel chooses to use this tone.
10. Identify each of the steps in the German plan, and point out how the cunning of the German plan and the people's human need for optimism in the face of danger led the Jews of Sighet to the transports to Auschwitz.
11. After several days of travel, what did the prisoners finally realize?