

Summer of 2021 Pre-AP English II Reading Assignment

Wiesel, Elie. *Night*. Trans. Marion Wiesel. New York: Hill and Wang, 2006.

Wiesel's NON-FICTION work is a *MEMOIR* (the recollections of someone who has been a part of, even witnessed, significant events).

Elie Wiesel died on July 2, 2016, in New York City at the age of 87.

- Read the “Preface to the New Translation” by Elie Wiesel as well as the “Foreward by Francois Mauriac” as the information will be helpful as you get used to the particular events in Germany from 1941-1945.
- As you read, note the importance of “*night*” throughout the novel.
- As you read, note the character changes in Elie Wiesel and his father, Shlomo.
- As you read, look for key powerful statements that bring gravity and power to Wiesel’s experience as these are key theme statements.
- When you have completed the memoir, read the four-page Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech Mr. Wiesel made in Oslo on December 10, 1986.
 - *Wiesel’s anger about silence and God (pages 32 & 33) as well as the things he refers to when he repeats “Never shall I forget....” (page 34) are reflected in this speech.
- You must have this book and the Reading Guide handout with you on the first day of school in August.

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