

# Night: the holocaust and wiesel essay sample



**ASSIGN  
BUSTER**

\* His survival of a Nazi concentration camp has shaped his destiny. \* It has guided his work as a writer, teacher, and humanitarian activist; influenced his interaction with his Jewish faith; and affected his family and personal choices. \* Wiesel spent his childhood days of the 1930s and 1940s studying sacred Jewish texts. \* In 1944 during World War II, Wiesel's life took a profoundly unexpected turn when Germany's armies invaded Sighet. \* Wiesel was freed in April 1945, when he was sixteen years old. \* Wiesel settled in the United States in 1956. He continued to write about the Holocaust. \* Wiesel who married Holocaust survivor Marion Erster Rose in 1969, has worked against oppression and persecution around the world. \* In accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 for his activism and courageous works. Introducing the Memoir.

\* Night begins in 1941 in Wiesel's Eastern European village of Sighet. \* By 1944, however, the Germans occupy Sighet and Wiesel's struggle to survive begins. \* Through young Wiesel's eyes, readers travel into the hell of Hitler's death camp and into the darkness of a long night in the history of human race. \* Wiesel wrote Night nearly ten years after the end of World War II. \* Night is a brief autobiographical work in which the author recounts events he has witnessed and introduces people he has known. \* Since Night's American publication in 1960, Elie Wiesel's willingness to share his own story has helped turn the tide of world discussion. \* After the end of World War II, many people - Jews and non-Jews alike - did not want to think or talk about the horrible events that had occurred. The time and place

\* Night takes place in Europe during World War II (1939- 1945). \* Germany's defeat in World War I.

\* The Nazi party - In German NAZI stands for National Socialist German Worker Party- came to power in the late 1920s. Its leader Adolf Hitler. \* Many Germans responded enthusiastically to Hitler's ideas, and in 1933 he became chancellor, or leader, of the country. \* In 1938 Hitler began invading the lands around Germany. \* Britain and France declared war in 1939.

\* The United States did not enter the war until 1941.

\* In 1941, when Night begins, Hitler seemed unstoppable. \* By 1942 he controlled or was allied with most of Europe. \* Hitler's treatment of the Jews was more than a political strategy.