



Langston 2025-2026 Summer Reading Requirements



8th Grade English 1 Honors

Summer Reading Requirements:

English 1 Honors students will read ***Night* by Elie Wiesel** and respond to the discussion questions below. A multiple choice test on the novel will be given during the first week of school. The discussion questions and the multiple choice test will be averaged together for the **first test grade** of the year. The discussion questions should be completed by the first day of school.

Discussion Questions for *Night*

Respond to the following discussion questions on loose-leaf notebook paper using pencil or black ink. Responses should be about one paragraph in length (5-10 sentences). Each response will be graded on a 5-point scale.

Five points, well-written and very organized; clear and concise wording; excellent grammar; demonstrates thorough understanding of topic.

Three points, somewhat organized; somewhat clear and concise wording; good grammar; demonstrates understanding of topic.

One point, unorganized; simplistic wording; poor grammar; demonstrates a lack of understanding of topic.

1. Dehumanization is the process by which the Nazis gradually reduced the Jews to little more than "things" which were a nuisance to them. Discuss events that occurred which dehumanized Eliezer, his father, or his fellow Jews.
2. Discuss how Elie's experiences are different at Birkenau, Auschwitz, and Buna.
3. What are some ways that Elie and the other Jewish inmates try to observe their religion? How do Elie's feelings about God change while he is in captivity?
4. What happens between Rabbi Eliahu and his son? What does Wiesel's reaction to this incident reveal about his relationship with God? What does it say about his feelings toward his father? How might his reaction be a foreshadowing of events to come?
5. How do the people Elie interacts with strengthen or diminish his hope and desire to live? Discuss his father, Madame Schachter, the pipel that was hanged, the French girl, and the Nazis.
6. Wiesel believes that remembering the Holocaust will help to ensure that this type of atrocity does not occur in the future. Do you think learning about historical events can guide people to behave differently? Explain.
7. Why did Elie Wiesel choose to give his memoir the title "Night"? How is "night" both symbolic and literal in this book? Give examples from the text to support your argument.