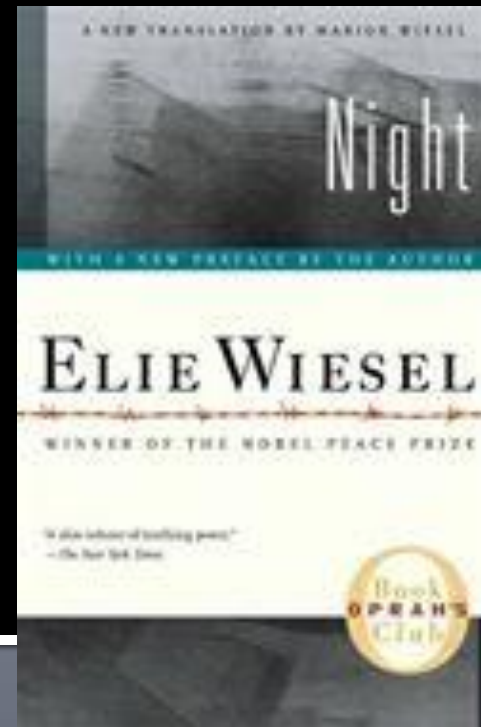


NIGHT BY ELIE WIESEL



PLEASE DO NOW

- THE ABCs of the Holocaust
 - Think of facts you know about the Holocaust that correspond with each letter.

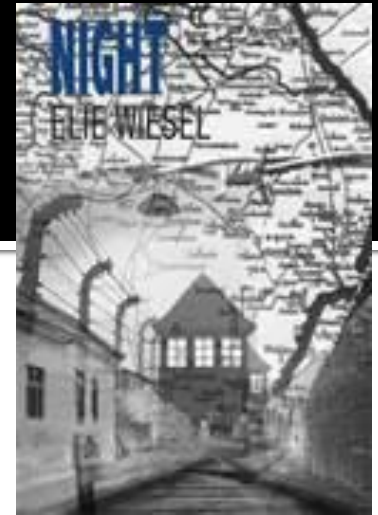
LEARNING TARGET

- Build schema necessary to understand Elie Weisel's *Night*.

STATE STANDARDS

- **L.3.12.A:** Interpret significant works from various forms of literature to make deeper and subtler interpretations of the meaning of text. Analyze the way in which a work of literature is related to the themes and issues of its historical period.

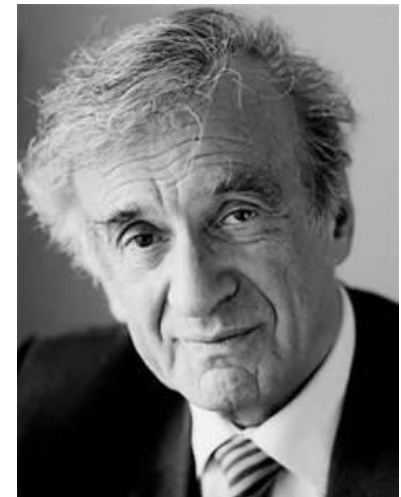
SUMMARY



- “Haunting in its graphic simplicity, Elie Wiesel's *Night* documents one of the most infamous crimes against humanity in a startlingly personal way. In this autobiographical account, Elie Wiesel tells of his deportation to the concentration camps at the age of 15 and his struggle to survive.”

ELIE WIESEL

- Elie Wiesel was born on September 30, 1928, in Sighet.
- Sighet was a small town in Transylvania that was then part of Romania but became part of Hungary in 1940. Today Sighet is again part of Romania.



ELIE AND JUDAISM



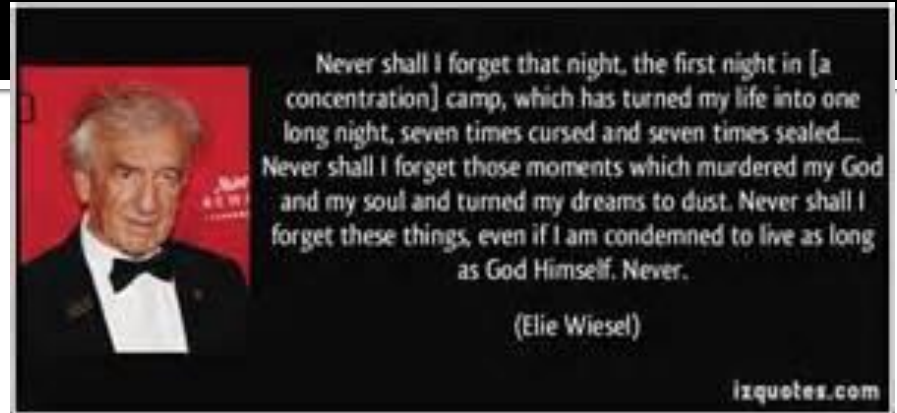
- Elie's father was very involved with the Jewish community. Elie studied traditional Jewish texts when he was a child and a teenager: the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament), the Talmud (Jewish law), and even the very difficult texts of the Cabbala.

HITLER'S "FINAL SOLUTION":

- Until 1944, the Jews of Hungary were relatively unaffected by Hitler's actions in other parts of Europe against Jews. In March of 1944, however, even the Jews of Hungary became part of Hitler's "Final Solution." His solution to the problem of having differences with Jewish people, gypsies, and others was to kill them. Hitler had more than six million people killed.



THE HOLOCAUST



- In the spring of 1944, members of the Hungarian Jewish community, the only remaining large Jewish community in continental Europe, were sent to concentration camps in Germany and Poland. Eventually, the Nazis murdered 560,000 Hungarian Jews, most of the Jewish population in Hungary. In Elie's town of Sighet, out of 15,000 individuals, only some members of fifty families survived.

NIGHT MEMOIR OF A SURVIVOR



- *Night* is the true story written by Elie Wiesel about when he (a 15-yr-old), his family and many Jewish people of Sighet were sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.
- Auschwitz was the site of more than 1,300,000 Jewish deaths.
- Wiesel himself survived to tell the story and moved to France. Later, he moved to the United States, and in 1963, Elie became an American citizen.

- *Night* shows how a Jewish boy who experiences terrible events and comes to question the existence of God and the goodness of humans.

