*Night*

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While you read the novel, you will find that Wiesel repeats certain ideas, symbols, themes, or images. This kind of repetition in literature is called “motif,” and your annotations as you read will follow each of these motifs throughout the novel.

**Motifs to Trace:**

* The symbols of fire, smoke, or ashes
* The symbol of night, dreams, sleeping, or nightmares
* The idea of humans being treated like animals, or humans acting like animals
* Father and son relationships
* Prayer, having faith in God, or losing faith in God

Every time you find one of these motifs in the novel, you need to mark it with an annotation symbol. Our class annotation symbols are:

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| Fire, Smoke, Ashes | Night, Dreams, Sleeping, Nightmares | Humans acting like/being treated like animals | Father/son relationships | Prayer, faith in God, losing faith in God |
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Then, you need to write one sentence that answers any one of the following questions:

* What do you think the symbol represents during this part of the story?
  + Sentence frame: “I believe this symbol represents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* How has this changed from the beginning of the story?
  + Sentence frame: “The way Elie prays has changed because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* How does this compare to another occasion you have seen this motif in the story.
  + This father and son is different than Elie and his father because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

When we finish the novel, you will receive an annotation score. Please make sure to identify and annotate these motifs every time you read them in the novel.