Oprah's Interview with Elie Wiesel

Elie Wiesel was just 15 years old when he was sent to the concentration camp Auschwitz. Years later, he would write his firsthand account in what has become one of the single most important books of our time, Night. In 2006, this Nobel Peace Prize winner, prolific author, professor, world-renowned humanitarian and Holocaust survivor returned to Auschwitz to meet Oprah and walk those grounds that had been the scene of such unspeakable horror.

Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the video.

1. How many people died at Auschwitz? ________________________________
2. In what country is the death camp located? ________________________________
3. True or False: Buna and Birkenau are part of Auschwitz. ________________________________
4. Elie Wiesel says, “This is the largest ____________________ in recorded history.”
5. Why was Madame Schächter speaking of fire? ________________________________
6. Where did the largest mass murder in history occur? ________________________________
7. How many were deported each day to Auschwitz? ________________________________
8. What percentage of those who arrived at Auschwitz were killed? ________________________________
9. What was the average lifespan of the prisoners at the camps? ________________________________
10. What does “Arbeit macht frei” from the iron gate in front of Auschwitz mean? ________________________________
11. What does Elie do to help others who are experiencing injustice? “I can’t do anything except use my ________________________________.”
12. What was the hair used for? ________________________________
13. Elie Wiesel said, “We must be there to shout and say ________________________________.”
14. Describe your personal response to this interview: ________________________________
Interesting Characters in Night

In order to create a good narrative, you must introduce characters that matter to the reader. In Chapter 1 of *Night*, Elie Wiesel talks about the people in his life who are important to his story. When you write your narrative, you will need to show the reader the individual traits of each of the characters in your story. Since your characters will be based off of real people, it is important to describe their appearance and personality so that the reader is interested in them.

**Directions:** Choose **THREE** of the characters described in Chapters 1-2 (pp. 3-28) of *Night*. In the chart below, list the character’s name, physical description, and personality description. Give one piece of text evidence that proves something about their character.

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