

English 8 2019 Summer Reading Instructions – Standard

St. Paul's Episcopal School

For all rising eighth graders – Standard Class

Summer reading books for all grades are available in the Campus Store

Students are to read *Night* by Elie Wiesel. Students will be assessed on their reading, during their English class in the first week of school in August. The book is the author's first-person account of his experiences as a prisoner in the Nazi concentration camps. The setting of *Night* is various locations in Nazi-occupied Europe, including concentration camps in Poland and Germany. The book recounts Elie Wiesel's experiences as a prisoner at both the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Buchenwald concentration camps during the last year of the Second World War. The time element is essential to the story because if Wiesel had been imprisoned earlier, he most likely would not have survived.

The book opens in 1941 with the introduction of Moshe the Beadle and Wiesel as a twelve-year-old religious student. By the time the author and his family were deported in May of 1944, the machinery to implement the Final Solution was well organized and ruthless in its capacity to murder millions. Germany would surrender one year later on May 8, 1945. *I have included a list of vocabularies to aid your reading of this book.

English 8 Night Vocabulary

Page	Word	Definition
3	<i>shtibl</i>	A house of prayer
3	penury	extreme poverty; destitution.
3	rendering	An interpretation or representation of a perspective
3	waiflike	anything found and not claimed, the owner being unknown
3	Shekhinah	the presence of God on earth or a symbol or manifestation of His presence.
3	Kabbalah	A doctrine that has a mystical method of interpreting Scripture by which initiates claimed to penetrate sacred mysteries.
3	Talmud	the collection of Jewish law and tradition
3	synagogue	a Jewish house of worship, often having facilities for religious instruction.

4	Maimonides	Jewish scholastic philosopher and rabbi, born in Spain: one of the major theologians of Judaism.
4	Mysticism	the beliefs, ideas, or mode of thought of mystics or divinity
5	Zohar	a medieval mystical work, consisting chiefly of interpretations of the definitive work of Jewish Kabbalah
5	indulgently	characterized by or showing indulgence; benignly lenient or permissive
5	err	to go astray in thought or belief; be mistaken; be incorrect.
6	expelled	to drive or force out or away; discharge or eject:
6	deportees	A person who has been expelled or banned
6	Gestapo	the German state secret police during the Nazi regime
6	haste	urgent need of quick action; a hurry or rush
7	insinuated	to suggest or hint slyly
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8	Zionism	a worldwide Jewish movement that resulted in the establishment and development of the state of Israel.
9	liquidate	to get rid of, especially by killing
9	<i>Nyilas</i>	A group of Nazis extremists
9	Anti-Semitic	a person who discriminates against or is prejudiced or hostile toward Jews.
9	Fascists	a person who is dictatorial or has extreme right-wing views.

10	jubilant	Joyful, excited
11	prominent	leading, important, or well-known
12	summoned	Called upon
12	Shavuot	a festival celebrated on the sixth and seventh days of Sivan that honors God's giving of the ten commandments to Moses.
15	consoling	Sympathizing, understanding, showing care
15	rescinded	to abrogate; annul; revoke; repeal.
16	surreptitiously	obtained, done, made, etc., by stealth; secret or unauthorized
20	infinite	Without number, forever going, within all time and space
21	conflagration	a destructive fire, usually an extensive one.
22	convoy	a ship, fleet, group of vehicles, etc., accompanied by a protecting escort.
23	economize	avoid waste or extravagance, to use sparingly
25	anguish	Pain, agony
28	indifferent	having no bias, prejudice, or preference; impartial; disinterested
29	illusions	something that deceives by producing a false or misleading impression of reality.
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30	tumult	a violent and noisy commotion or disturbance of a crowd or mob; uproar
30	imperative	Important, crucial, critical
31	notorious	Well known, usually for doing something negative

32	elude	to avoid or escape by speed, cleverness, trickery, etc.; evade
34	barrack	a building or group of buildings for lodging many people
34	antechamber	a chamber or room that serves as a waiting room and entrance to a larger room or an apartment; anteroom.
36	lucidity	the quality of being easily understood, completely intelligible, or comprehensible
37	floundering	to struggle with stumbling or plunging movements helplessly
38	harangued	a scolding or a long or intense verbal attack; diatribe.
38	convalescent	a safe place for the <u>recovery of your health</u> and strength after illness
41	liberation	the act of gaining rights or being freed
44	<i>Blockalteste</i>	Block leader
47	epidemic	Widespread disease
48	altruistic	unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others
48	quarantine	To keep isolated
48	pittance	A small amount of money
48	conscientious	controlled by or done according to one's inner sense of what is right; governed by conscience; principled
50	<i>Meister</i>	Master
50	evoking	Bringing about, causing, producing

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51	wizened	withered; shriveled
52	Aryan	Nordic, non-Jewish
54	reminiscing	Thinking back to times before, remembering earlier moments
56	untenable	incapable of being defended, as an argument, thesis, etc.; indefensible.
56	latrines	Outside bathrooms, usually characterized by a hole in the ground to consume the waste
60	dissipated	indulging in or characterized by excessive devotion to pleasure; intemperate; dissolute.
60	<i>Appelplatz</i>	Common ground to call roll call, assembling point
60	<i>Lageralteste</i>	Senior camp inmate
62	manacled	a shackle for the hand; handcuffed
63	<i>Oberkapo</i>	Corporal, police
63	<i>pipel</i>	Attractive male child
66	agitated	Annoyed, irritated
66	grandeur	the quality or state of being impressive or awesome
68	lament	to feel or express sorrow or regret for, to mourn over
71	<i>Achtung</i>	Attention, alert!
72	<i>Stubenalteste</i>	Room official, the one in charge of the room

73	emaciated	thin, wasted, puny, gaunt, haggard, scrawny
77	sniggering	Sly, disrespectful laughing
80	prophecies	the foretelling or prediction of what is to come.
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83	masquerade	a party, dance, or another festive gathering of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or fantastic costumes.
85	automatons	a mechanical figure or contrivance constructed to act as if by its own motive power; robot.
89	comrade	a person who shares in one's activities, occupation, etc.; companion, associate, or friend.
90	bewildered	Completely puzzled or confused; perplexed.
90	deprivations	dispossession; loss.
95	melancholy	Sad, solemn
96	accumulating	Gathering in amount
100	spectacle	A notable sight, an event to witness
102	Shlomo	A male name meaning Solomon, or God's peace
104	fascinated	to arouse the interest or curiosity of; allure.
105	protruded	To thrust forward, stick out, project out of
106	plaintive	expressing sorrow or melancholy; mournful
108	prostrate	to cast (oneself) face down, lay down on the ground in humility, submission, or adoration.
109	riveted	Hammered in, or spread out in the end

112	etching	Drawing, painting, letting a memory stay vivid
114	postponed	To put off until after an event or certain time
115	contemplating	Thinking, wondering, pondering