

Vocabulary Activities

First Half of *Night* pp. 3-46

Directions for *Night* pp. 3-22: Use the context to determine the meaning of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (1) In the lines below each sentence, write out a guess in Your Own Definition. (2) Leave Dictionary Definition blank for now. Then, (3) *highlight* or *underline* the phrases in the sentence that serve as context clues that helped you come up with Your Own Definition.

1. Some Jews in Sighet **insinuated** that Moishe told his tales of terror to gain their pity, even though they didn't have much proof of their assumptions.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____
2. Eliezer advised his father to **liquidate** the family business, leaving everything behind, and move to Palestine while there was still time.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____
3. The Jews in Sighet found the news that German troops had penetrated Hungarian territory to be **disquieting** to the calm they had established in their communities.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____
4. Nazi officers were **billeted** in private homes in the towns they invaded because they had no where else to stay.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____
5. Eliezer's father, a good story teller, told **anecdotes** from a variety of his life events to ease people's fears and tensions during tough times.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____
6. People clung to the hope that the order to evacuate Sighet would be **rescinded** and that they could all go back to their homes and continue with their lives.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____
7. Since it was forbidden to break rank, some of the Jewish police **surreptitiously** obtained water for the parched deportees who were calling for water.
 - a. Your Own Definition: _____
 - b. Dictionary Definition: _____

Directions for *Night* pp. 23-28: (1) Write the letter of the phrase that correctly defines the word on the left. Then, in the sentences below (2) use the word to correctly fill in the blank. Finally, (3) highlight the context clues in each sentence.

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| 8. _____ intolerable (adj) | a. so as to be airtight |
| 9. _____ constraints (n) | b. devoutly religious |
| 10. _____ irrevocably (adv) | c. restrictions |
| 11. _____ hermetically (adv) | d. foul smell |
| 12. _____ pious (adj) | e. bottomless depth |
| 13. _____ abyss (n) | f. unbearable |
| 14. _____ stench (n) | g. irreversibly; once and for all |

15. Once they left their community, young people ignored the social _____ that had regulated and inhibited their lives in the past.
16. As a(n) _____ student of the Talmud and Kabbalah, Eliezer lived as an observant Jew, attending to these religious customs.
17. When the doors of the train were nailed shut, the Jews felt suffocated and as though they had been _____ sealed into cattle cars.
18. With little ventilation and no sanitation, the air in the train became _____ and many people soon began to gag and even get sick.
19. The _____ inside a closed train without sanitary facilities was overwhelming.
20. As they traveled by train to an unknown destination, the passengers felt like a(n) _____ of uncertainty opened beneath their feet.
21. Once inside the train, the Jews found the world they had known _____ lost to them.

Directions for *Night* pp. 29-46: (1) Find the correct synonym of each word on the left. Then, (2) use the word on the left to correctly fill in the blank in the sentences below. Finally, (3) highlight the context clues in each sentence.

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| 22. tumult | a. calm | b. commotion | c. harmony | d. peace |
| 23. imperative | a. optional | b. unnecessary | c. crucial | d. insignificant |
| 24. notorious | a. infamous | b. inconspicuous | c. unknown | d. moral |
| 25. interspersed | a. gathered | b. strewn | c. collected | d. together |
| 26. lucidity | a. inaccuracy | b. obscurity | c. clarity | d. confusion |
| 27. harangued | a. lectured | b. entertained | c. amused | d. comforted |
| 28. wizened | a. unwrinkled | b. new | c. fresh | d. shriveled |

29. In moments of realization and _____, the prisoners realized there was no escape and began to make peace with their horrible situation.
30. Dr. Josef Mengele's medical experiments on prisoners made him _____ throughout history.
31. A small man with a(n) _____ and weathered face looked for his family among the prisoners.
32. Eliezer felt it was _____ for him and his father to at least stay together among the chaos.
33. The SS officer _____ the prisoners about life at Auschwitz so they'd know what to expect.
34. There was _____ when the train first unloaded and people scattered everywhere.
35. The prisoner's words were _____ with sobs, as he cried between speaking about his deceased loved ones.