

VOCABULARY ACTIVITIES

~~ESSENTIALS~~ of Night pp. 3-22 3-22

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. Leave Dictionary Definition blank for now. Then, (2) *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: make guess/conclude/assume/stated/suggest

b. Dictionary Definition: (v) to express a thought in an indirect way

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: convert to \$ / disband / leave / quit / abandon

b. Dictionary Definition: (v) to settle and convert to cash

3. The Jews in Sighet found the news that Germans' troops had penetrated Hungarian territory to be disquieting to the calm they had established in their communities.

a. Your Own Definition: disturbing / alarming / disrupting / take tranquility

b. Dictionary Definition: (v) to trouble or bother

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: lodge / discuss / housed / stationed / placed / quartered

b. Dictionary Definition: (v) to provide lodging for military during times of war

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. war memories

a. Your Own Definition: narrative of one's past / stories / personal account /

b. Dictionary Definition: (n) short account of an interesting incident

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 People clung to the hope that the order to evacuate Sighet would be rescinded and that they could all go back to their homes and continue with their lives.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: dismissed / revoked / repeal / cancel / declined

b. Dictionary Definition: (v) to repeal or annul (cancel)

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: secretly / discretely / clandestine / avoid notice / covertly

b. Dictionary Definition: (adv) secretly and stealthily

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. <u>F</u> intolerable (adj) | a. so as to be airtight |
| 9. <u>C</u> constraints (n) | b. devoutly religious |
| 10. <u>G</u> irrevocably (adv) | c. restrictions |
| 11. <u>A</u> hermetically (adv) | d. foul smell |
| 12. <u>B</u> pious (adj) | e. bottomless depth |
| 13. <u>E</u> abyss (n) | f. unbearable |
| 14. <u>D</u> stench (n) | g. irreversibly; once and for all |

15. Once they left their community, young people ignored the social CONSTRAINTS that had regulated and inhibited their lives in the past.
16. As a(n) PIOUS 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 HERMETICALLY sealed into cattle cars.
18. With little ventilation and no sanitation, the air in the train became INTOLERABLE and many people soon began to gag and even get sick.
19. The STENCH 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) ABYSS of uncertainty opened beneath their feet.
21. Once inside the train, the Jews found the world they had known IRREVOCABLY 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 | <u>b. commotion</u> | c. harmony | d. peace |
| 23. imperative | a. optional | b. unnecessary | <u>c. crucial</u> | d. insignificant |
| 24. notorious | <u>a. infamous</u> | b. inconspicuous | c. unknown | d. moral |
| 25. interspersed | a. gathered | <u>b. strewn</u> | c. collected | d. together |
| 26. lucidity | a. inaccuracy | b. obscurity | <u>c. clarity</u> | d. confusion |
| 27. harangued | <u>a. lectured</u> | b. entertained | c. amused | d. comforted |
| 28. wizened | a. unwrinkled | b. new | c. fresh | <u>d. shriveled</u> |

29. In moments of realization and LUCIDITY, 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 NOTORIOUS throughout history.
31. A small man with a(n) WIZENED and weathered face looked for his family among the prisoners.
32. Eliezer felt it was IMPERATIVE for him and his father to at least stay together among the chaos.
33. The SS officer HARANGUED the prisoners about life at Auschwitz so they'd know what to expect.
34. There was TUMULT when the train first unloaded and people scattered everywhere.
35. The prisoner's words were INTERSPERSED with sobs, as he cried between speaking about his deceased loved ones.