

NIGHT QUOTES

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DIRECTIONS: ON THE LINES PROVIDED, EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING QUOTES. WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night. Seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky. Never shall I forget those flames which consumed my faith forever. Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live. Never shall I forget those moments which murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to dust. Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never.

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2. "Where is God? Where is He?" someone behind me asked. "...For more than half an hour [the child in the nose] stayed there, struggling between life and death, dying in slow agony under our eyes. And we had to look him full in the face. He was still alive when I passed in front of him. His tongue was still red, his eyes were not yet glazed. Behind me, I heard the same man asking: "Where is God now?" And I heard a voice within me answer him: "Where is He? Here He is--He is hanging here on this gallows. . . ."

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3. We were masters of nature, masters of the world. We had forgotten everything—death, fatigue, our natural needs. Stronger than cold or hunger, stronger than the shols and the desire to die, condemned and wandering, mere numbers, we were the only men on earth. At last, the morning star appeared in the gray sky. A trail of indeterminate light showed on the horizon. We were exhausted. We were without strength, without illusions.

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4. [Rabbi Eliahou's son] had felt that his father was growing weak, he had believed that the end was near and had sought this separation in order to get rid of the burden, to free himself from an encumbrance which could lessen his own chances of survival. I had done well to forget that. And I was glad that Rabbi Eliahou should continue to look for his beloved son. And, in spite of myself, a prayer rose in my heart, to that God in whom I no longer believed. My God, Lord of the Universe, give me strength never to do what Rabbi Eliahou's son has done.

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5. One day I was able to get up, after gathering all my strength. I wanted to see myself in the mirror hanging on the opposite wall. I had not seen myself since the ghetto. From the depths of the mirror, a corpse gazed back at me. The look in his eyes, as they stared into mine, has never left me.

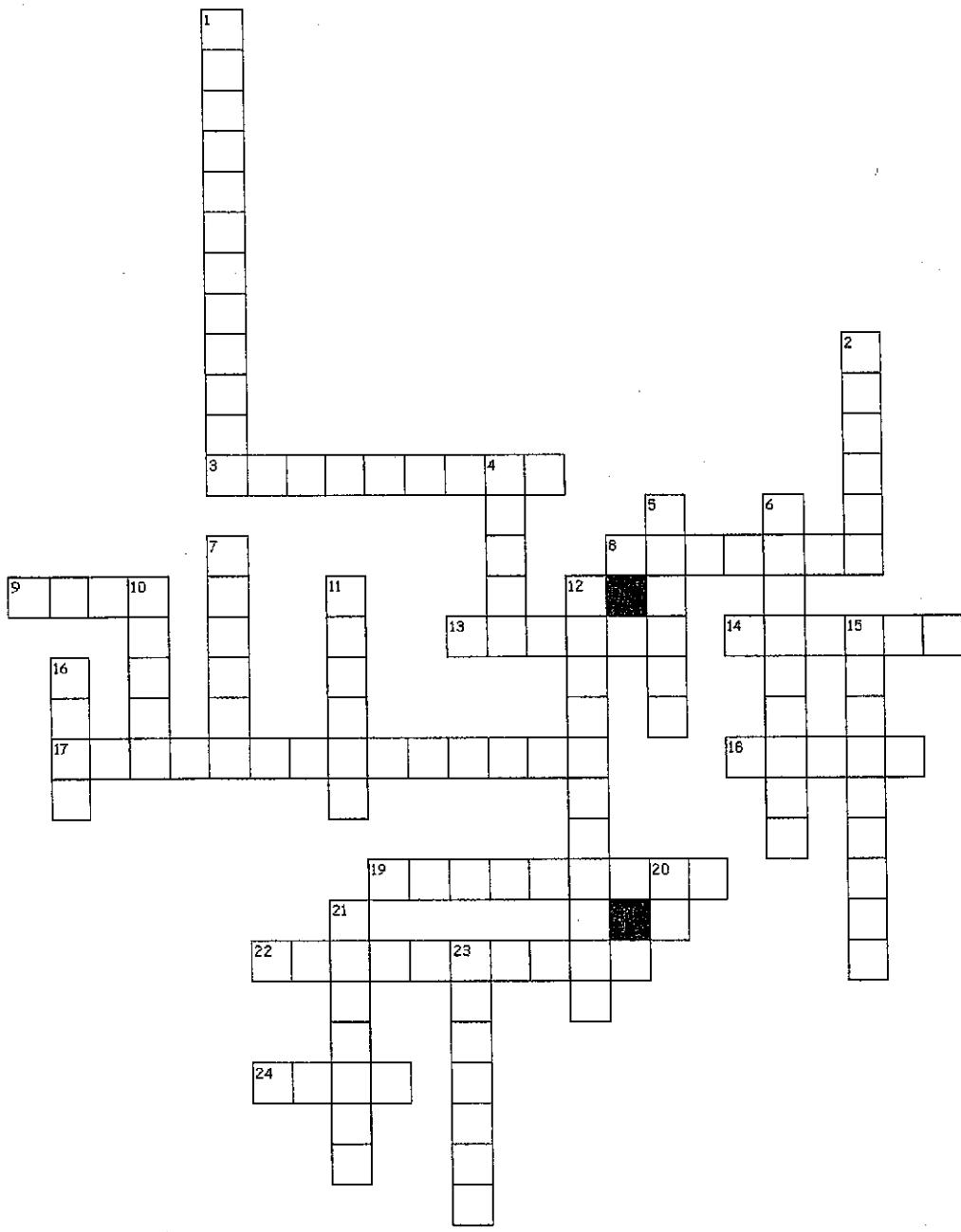
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Answers must be spelled correctly for full points.

Night Crossword

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Across

- 3. Concentration camp in Poland where Wiesel was first taken
- 8. Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of this Jewish celebration
- 9. This camp is evacuated because the Red Army is approaching
- 13. Section of city where Jews were required to live
- 14. Nobody believed Moishe the _____
- 17. Prisoners chosen for their strength to work in the crematoria
- 18. The young boy wrongly hanged was known by this name
- 19. Systematic extermination of European Jews by Nazis
- 22. Furnace for burning bodies
- 24. Cruel guard who lashed Wiesel 25 times

Down

- 1. The Wiesel family lived in this country before being sent to the camps
- 2. Nazi dictator of Germany during WWII
- 4. Wiesel lost this because of its gold crown
- 5. The genre of Night is
- 6. Process of deciding who was to die next
- 7. The Jews were crowded into _____ cars
- 10. The French girl passed herself off as _____
- 11. The Nazis used needles to _____ numbers on prisoners' arms
- 12. Every Jew had to wear a _____
- 15. Disease that killed Wiesel's father
- 16. Wiesel did not do this on Yom Kippur
- 20. Hitler's special police force
- 21. Notorious doctor who wrote down names for "selection"
- 23. The name of Wiesel's youngest sister