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Night essay

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Survival

Night is a true book about the harsh times that the Jewish had to go through from about 1933-1945. The Jews had to go through many things to survive. Like hunger, death, and hard labor. Elie Wiesel went through a lot of bad experiences and soon was freed on April 10, 1945.

In the concentration camps the Jews had to fight through hunger. They would get small rations of bread and little water. This made most of the Jews sick and sometimes even killed them. Some Jews would fight each other for more rations of bread like in the train cart. In the book "Night" Elie Wiesel explained how in the train cart the head of the camps would throw food in the train carts and the Jews would fight. Some would be killed by others. The Jews went weeks with barely any food, some wouldn't eat because they got so sick. They would go weeks and soon pass.

Another way the Jews had gone through survival was death. As some would die from starvation. Many died from the harsh conditions that they went through. Some die from sickness like dysentery which is like the stomach bug but really bad usually from dehydration. Elie Wiesel's father died from a very bad sickness. Lots of Jews died from that sickness. Also Jews

died from frostbite in the winter mostly in their feet because their shoes were not good support and they didn't have socks. Like Elie he got bad frostbite and had to cut open his foot.

Also throughout the book you can see that the Jews had to do hard labor and sometimes deal with dead bodies. In the first part of the book you can see Elie walked into the camp, Auschwitz's. There were Jews working in the camp. Elie worked in an orchestra unit. But they worked in an electric warehouse where they would segregate bulbs. It doesn't sound bad but sometimes the leader would have mood swings and beat them for making a tiny mistake. Also towards the end they had to run almost 42 miles to another camp. They had to run and they couldn't stop or they would get shot. Some got tired, they fell to the ground and got trampled on by the others.

Throughout the story "night" there is a lot Elie Wiesel went through to try and survive those harsh months. He survived through starvation, death, and hard labor. Elie Wiesel is very lucky to make it out of the camps.

Work cited

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