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Night

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Survival in Night

Night is an interesting story about a true boy named Ellie Wiesel who fights alongside his father to survive. This book shows how the Jews went through the hatred of the Germans. Survival is the main key in this story. The theme in this book is survival. There are many examples of survival in the story night like when Ellie was beaten and ended up passing out, also when he was in the train car watching all those people fighting for food and when Germany's allies raided Camp Buna.

Ellie, just 15, went to his first camp, Birkenau. Ellie there saw Idek, a German officer, having a sexual act with a young polish girl. Idek saw Ellie standing there laughing. "Idek leapt up, turned around, and saw me, while the girl tried to cover up her breasts. I wanted to run away, but my legs were glued to the ground," (Wiesel 50), Idek whips Ellie twenty-five times for his interruption. Then Idek tells Ellie not to tell a single soul or else he would whip him more times much harder. During all his beatings he wanders about how his father feels about watching him get beat. He passes out because he can't take or feel anymore pain.

All of the Jews that weren't dead had to be put in a train car. People in the streets threw bread crumbs in the train car. Everyone in the train car started killing each other for the bread. They were too starved to care about how hungry anyone else was. They didn't care who they

were killing just to get some food. Even if it was their father. A son killed his father just for bread crumbs. “ Meir. Meir, my boy! Don’t you recognize me? I’m your father... you’re hurting me... you're killing your father! I’ve got some bread... for you too... for you too...His son began to search him, took the bread and began to devour it,” (Wiesel 89), The father and son both died . They were starved to the point where they would kill each other for a ration of bread. Even if it was a little bitty crumb.

Germany’s allies air raided Buna. Everybody except the people who were hung had to march to shelter. He keeps looking back at the child who was hung. “Bear your heads!” Yelled the head of the camp. His voice was raucous. We were weeping. Cover your heads! Then the march past began...,” (Wiesel 57) The two adults who were hanged had died but the child who was hanging was still alive. He started to lose his faith again. He thinks why would God do this to them. If he really loves them. “Behind me, I heard the same man asking: “where is God now?” And I heard a voice behind me answer him: “ Where is he? Here he is-he is hanging here on this gallows...” (Wiesel 57) The soup to him that night tasted like corpus. He was too terrified to eat the soup.

The Night is a lot about survival like when Ellie was beaten and ended up passing out, also when he was in the train car watching all those people fighting for food and when The Allies air raided Buna. Ellie Wiesel shows us to never give up. Bad things happen to good people. Bad things happen even if you don’t do anything wrong. Just never give up .This story shows to never give up when times are hard especially when Ellie was beaten and ended up passing out, also when he was in the train car watching all those people fighting for food and when the Allies air raided Buna.

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