

Full Names:

Yes first and last name NEATLY written. 😊

Hour 😊:

“Hope, Despair, and Memory” by Elie Wiesel

- Write in complete sentences
- Write neatly and proofread

NOTES:

- Hasidic – a Jewish mystic believed God is everywhere and all of people’s words and actions should honor God
 - Besht – a Jewish religious leader
 - Messianic – like the Messiah or like God
1. In the first two paragraphs of his speech Elie Wiesel tells a story. Read the entire speech to understand why Elie Wiesel tells this story. Explain in your own words how it illustrates his points.
 2. Elie Wiesel struggles to understand how God would allow war and concentration camps to occur. He wrote: “It seems impossible to conceive of Auschwitz w/ God as to conceive of Auschwitz without God” (Wiesel 2).
 - Explain in your OWN words what the first part of the quote (i.e. “It seems impossible to conceive of Auschwitz w/ God”) means.
 - Now explain in your OWN words what the second part of the quote (“It seems impossible...to conceive of Auschwitz without God”) means.
 - AFTER reading the entire speech does he believe there is a God? Provide evidence for your claim.

3. A **PARADOX** is a seeming contradiction that is true. Examples include:

- It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.
- You can save money by spending it.
- I'm nobody.
- Nobody goes to that restaurant because it is too crowded.
- You shouldn't go in the water until you know how to swim.
- The beginning of the end
- Deep down, you're really shallow.

Oxymorons are also forms of paradoxes

- Bitter sweet
- Jumbo shrimp

In this speech Elie Wiesel addresses a **paradox about memory**. He recognizes the importance of memory while at the same time he recognizes the dangers of remembering everything.

- FIRST explain why he says people NEED to remember:

- NEXT explain why he says that people CAN'T and SHOULDN'T remember everything.

4. Reminder a theme is a general lesson that we can apply to our own lives like: we need to respect nature or absolute power corrupts absolutely.

IN YOUR OWN WORDS, create a theme that captures Elie Wiesel's view about

HOPE:

REBELLION:

