

⚡ Freshman Honors English I Summer Reading Project ⚡

Night

Elie Wiesel

Farewell to Manzanar

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

Welcome to Honors English I at Legend High School! For this year's summer reading project, you will pick **ONE** of two novels dealing with World War II atrocities: *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, or *Farewell to Manzanar*, by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. As you read either of these compelling books, you will find that each is about much more than the plight of a youth through the most evil time history has ever witnessed. It goes far beyond that. You will witness how each character battles for physical and emotional survival.

Now, it is time to share your knowledge and thoughts on this compelling read.

Project Specifications:

You will create a one to two page newspaper containing the following **labeled** sections:

- * **Newspaper Title** (name your newspaper so it fits the assignment—be creative)
- * **Lead Story** (summary of the book with related picture) one to two summary paragraphs in your own words.
Plagiarism will not be tolerated!
- * **Editorial** (your thoughts on the Holocaust or of the internment camps) one to two paragraphs
- * **Where Are They Now** (update on Elie Wiesel or Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston) and what either is doing today with picture) one paragraph
- * **Faces in the Crowd** (paragraphs highlighting two minor characters) one paragraph per character

How will this be graded?

Your newspaper will be worth a total of 100 points. Each section is worth the following:

- * **Newspaper Title** (10 points)
- * **Lead Story** (20 points)
- * **Editorial** (20 points)
- * **Where Are They Now** (10 points)
- * **Faces in the Crowd** (20 points=10 per character)

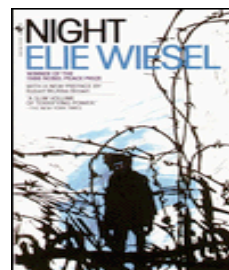
Make sure to label each section of your newspaper clearly with the headings mentioned above clearly!

In addition, we will add 20 points for total presentation. Break your newspaper into columns, label each section, and make it pleasing to the eye. Please quote the book for specific examples if you can.

If you don't know what your project should look like, please view *The Denver Post* for ideas, see the attached student example, or look online for help. Good luck!

When will this be due?

Your one to two page newspaper (on 8 ½ X 11" paper) will be due on Tuesday--your first full day of school at Legend. Failure to have this project completed may jeopardize your opportunity to take Honors English I.



Pick one of these two novels to read.



Please see the back for a student example.

August 10, 2009

THE HOLOCAUST TIMES

"The Holocaust was the most evil crime ever committed." - Stephen Ambrose

-Brittany Gillis

Night by Elie Wiesel

Elie Wiesel wrote the book, *Night*, which was about his tragic journey of surviving the Holocaust. He and his family were taken from their home and separated at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Germany. Later, he was moved to Buchenwald. He and his father had to work together. They were lucky to be able to do this because his father became weaker and weaker every minute. Elie's book tells how he was changed physically and emotionally. He had to deal with near death experiences every day.



He was starved; his family was gone, along with his faith in God and he still managed to survive. He lost many friends. He had to listen or pay the consequences which

ranged from whiplashes to being hanged. He could have even been thrown into the crematorium. That spring of 1944 had changed his and several other lives forever and he will never be the same. Read on to find out more about this disastrous event and where Elie Wiesel is today.

Editorial

My thoughts on the Holocaust are very strong. I couldn't even imagine someone could be so heartless. Thousands of children and loved ones



were killed without a thought. People such as Hitler

do not deserve to live in my opinion. He destroyed families as well as thoughts of the survivors who tell their stories to many others such as Elie Wiesel. People deserve to live their lives freely. The SS guards were inhumane, treating people like rats. They had no feelings for what they did. They didn't care if a baby died or if grandparents starved.

Where Is He Now



Elie Wiesel [to the left], born on September 30, 1928 is now 80 years old. He has written 57 books. *Night* is his most famous book. In 1986, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He is now a citizen of the United States. He had that job until

1986. He is happily married to his wife, Marion Wiesel, in which they started a foundation together with part of his Nobel award. He studied in Sorbonne in Paris where he started journalism. He has accomplished many things and has faced many fears. He now and forever will be known as a survivor in the Holocaust.

Faces in the Crowd

One character mentioned in the book, *Night*, was Juliek. According to Elie, he was a violinist for the Buna orchestra. He played when the Kommandos and Kapos would March. He became a friend of Elie's. Later in the book, he was mentioned again. Juliek was crushed when Elie fell on him in the barrack because it was too crowded and he could not breathe. Elie soon got a hole of air through the stacking bodies and made his way out along with Juliek. Juliek played his final song. Elie fell asleep listening to Juliek's violin and when he woke up, Juliek had been dead.

Zalman was another small character in the book. When the Jews had been marching (running because of the guards), Zalman told Elie that he could no longer take it. He had to stop but Elie kept encouraging him but saying that they were almost there. Anyone who stopped to take a break would be shot. Zalman did slow down and eventually was trampled by the others but was not shot because no one had noticed him. Elie said that he had soon forgotten about him.