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Reading Strategy

READING A MEMOIR

A **memoir** is a form of autobiography in which the writer shares personal experiences of significant events or people. Reading a memoir can give you deeper insight into a historic event. In *Night*, Wiesel describes his own experiences in a Nazi concentration camp. As you read, think about how Wiesel’s experiences were similar to those of the millions of other European Jews who were captured by Nazis. Consider generalizations you might make about historical events based on reading Wiesel’s specific memories.

Directions: Record generalizations based on the experiences Wiesel describes. Three key experiences from the memoir are already included in the chart. For each one, note a larger truth that Wiesel’s account reflects. Then find three additional experiences upon which you can make generalizations.

Wiesel’s Experience	Generalization
The guards threaten to shoot anyone who does not hand over valuables or tries to leave.	
Mrs. Schächter loses her mind because her family is separated.	
Her son clings to her and tries to comfort her.	

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