Question on the Preface and Foreword of *Night*

1. What is the central question that Elie Wiesel attempts to answer in the forward to *Night*?
   A. How did people allow the Holocaust to occur?
   B. How did Wiesel survive?
   C. Why did he write *Night*?
   D. How can we live in a post-Holocaust world?
   E. Why do people choose to remember tragedies?

2. According to Elie Wiesel’s preface to *Night*, why did he survive?
   A. A miracle
   B. Chance
   C. Faith
   D. Determination
   E. Help from others

3. As a witness to the Holocaust, what does Wiesel say he is morally obligated to do?

4. What language did Wiesel use to compose his memoir *Night*?
   A. English
   B. French
   C. Czech
   D. Hebrew
   E. Yiddish

5. When Wiesel first presented his manuscript to publishers, how was it received?

6. Wiesel explains that *Night* was originally longer and began with cynical musings. What did the original manuscript say about *faith, trust, and illusion*?

7. Wiesel also recounts that his father’s death scene in the original manuscript was longer and Wiesel includes an excerpt in the preface. What does this except reveal about Wiesel’s character and human nature in general?
8. For what will Wiesel never forgive himself? Why?

9. The original version of Night closed with Wiesel looking back on the world ten years after the end of World War II. What does Wiesel say he realized at that time?

10. What does Wiesel say about “those who kept silent yesterday”?

11. What role did Mauriac have in the publication of Night?

12. What is the main purpose that Mauriac attempts to convey in his foreword?

Define New Vocabulary:

1. Iniquity (noun): ________________________________

2. Martyrdom (noun): ________________________________

3. Abomination (noun): ________________________________

4. Inconceivable (adj): ________________________________

5. Passivity (noun): ________________________________

6. Voracious (adj): ________________________________

7. Interlocutor (noun): ________________________________

8. Surname (noun): ________________________________

9. Penury (noun): ________________________________

10. Waif (noun): ________________________________

11. Edict (noun): ________________________________