

BONUS Opportunity for Elie Wiesel's NIGHT



For ten (10) bonus points you may choose to partake in one of these experiences. Although they are not required, they should be taken VERY seriously out of respect for Elie Wiesel, his life and work, and the gravity of his (and others') suffering.

Of course we cannot replicate anything close to his experience, and slapping silly bonus points onto this may seem crass and trite. However, through this exercise, we can attempt, in a very small and inadequate way, to approach better understanding of something completely incomprehensible to us.

Option 1: Elie's Tattoo

For one (1) week, wear the Upside-Down yellow "F" taped or pinned to your chest throughout the school day and wear our version of "Elie's Tattoo" drawn with ink on the back of your hand. Whenever anyone asks you about either of these, you are to provide them with a BRIEF bio of Elie Wiesel's story and one tragic fact about the Holocaust. After a week's time, write a 1-page reflection about your experience. Here is the tattoo (NOTE: Place the less-than "<" symbol before the tattoo number as a symbolic representation that we can never adequately replicate Elie's experience.

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Option 2: Letter to Elie

Write a 1-page, hand-written letter to Elie Wiesel. You may express your feelings about his book or his life. You may ask him questions about his experiences, possibly focusing on his life after NIGHT. You have complete autonomy over the content of your letter.

I will secure his address, collect your letters, and mail them off together. While it's been over a decade since I've sent student letters to Elie, he has always responded in the past, and we can hope that will continue.

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