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Ms. Kimberly Carson
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Dear Kimberly,

Thank you for your letter and for those of your students.

As you suggest, *Night* was difficult to write—I kept a ten-year vow of silence because I was afraid I could not find the proper words. My hope is that memory will serve as a shield for future horrors. Thanks for your efforts on behalf of memory.

I hope you will continue educating young people so that they realize the importance and value of memory.

Best, best wishes—


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Dear Students,

Please forgive the delay in responding—I have been away and constantly traveling. In any case, I enjoyed your letters in response to my memoir *Night*. Although I cannot answer all of your questions, here is at least a word for each of you:

Becky J., David M., Matthew H.: I share your anger at those who knew of tragedies taking place but did nothing. I have read everything I could find about this period in history and I, too, am unable to comprehend man's inhumanity toward man.

Veronica G., Edgar M., Nikko S.: You asked me about my faith during my time in the camps. Even then, I did not lose my faith in God. However, I protested God's silence. I still believe in God today, but my faith is a wounded faith.

Neli R., Emily M., Maria D.J., Veronica F.: As you suggest, *Night* was difficult to write. I kept a ten-year vow of silence because I was afraid I could not find the proper words. I am still trying. It is my hope that my work can help prevent future tragedy.

Daniel L., Shannon C., Silvia F.: Indeed, the events of the past have changed my life in ways that are immeasurable. Memories of those dark times become more and more vivid to me daily. I am glad you learned from *Night*; perhaps you can teach those who are unaware

Johnny C.: You asked about my feelings of anger. Fortunately, hatred never penetrated me, but I remain angry until today. Instead of thinking of violence and revenge, I write and teach: by dedicating my life to memory, I hope future horrors will be avoided.

Nicky T., Joseph T., Cassandra M., Krysta V., Beatriz S., Joseph B., Cecilia O.: You asked me what kept me going during that darkest time. The presence of my father was all that made me want to survive. Otherwise, suicide would only have given Death another victory.

I am moved to learn that *Night* was meaningful to you and I am flattered by what you say about me and my work. For your kind words, I thank you.

It is clear that you all have a deep concern about injustice in our world today. I hope that you continue your pursuit of the truth. It is my belief that one who hears a witness

becomes a witness in turn. You can all be an effective voice for memory. Young people like you give me hope for the future.

Keep learning and reading, more and more—

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elie Wiesel' in a cursive style.

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