Night Cause and Effect Essay Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Period\_\_\_\_\_Gulledge

THESIS STATEMENT: Because of the abusive treatment Eliezer witnesses and endures at the hands of the Nazis during WWII, he loses so much that he holds dear that he is stripped of his former self forever. No longer is he the secure, connected and loved young man whose faith in God is unshakable; instead, he is a disillusioned shell of a man who has lost family, God, and the belief in human goodness.

Thesis Pieces:

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| 1st part of CLAIM (with general DATA) | 2nd part of CLAIM (with general DATA) | WARRANT |
| Overall Cause | Overall Effect | Overall Warrant |
| Examples of the abuse Eliezer witnesses and endures | Examples of the particular losses that Eliezer experiences as a result of the abuse | The words that explain HOW such particular losses, in turn, take away who Eliezer used to be |

Topic Sentence 1: By ruthlessly stealing from Eliezer his tangible possessions, his family, his community, and his name, the Nazis cause Eliezer to lose his connection to his security and identity connected to family, place, and tradition. Thus, he is no longer able to depend on the comforts of his past life to sustain him.

Topic Sentence 1 Pieces:

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| 1st part of SUB-CLAIM 1  (with the promise of specific DATA) | 2nd part of SUB-CLAIM 1 (with the promise of specific DATA) | WARRANT for SUB-CLAIM 1 |
| Cause 1 | Effect 1 | Promise of specific WARRANT |
| Examples of what the Nazis STEAL from Eliezer, his family, and his fellow Jews  *Include quotes Give context (TPC/BDA)* | Examples of the comfort and security Eliezer loses as a result of the theft  *Include quotes Give context (TPC/BDA)* | The words which explain HOW such theft takes away Eliezer’s connection to everything that gives him a secure sense of belonging |
| 1a. | 1b. | 1c. |
| 2a. | 2b. | 2c. |
| 3a. | 3b. | 3c. |

Topic Sentence 2: Because of the killings, beatings, and starvation he either sees or experiences, Eliezer loses his faith in God. As a result, he is now a despondent young man who finds no value in prayer and no longer believes that living a good life means life will be good.

Topic Sentence 2 Pieces:

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| 1st part of CLAIM 2  (with the promise of specific DATA) | 2nd part of CLAIM 2  (with the promise of specific DATA) | WARRANT |
| Cause 2 | Effect 2 | Promise of specific WARRANT |
| Examples of the killings, beatings, and starvation he either witnesses or experiences *Include quote Give context (TPC/BDA)* | Examples of the loss of faith in God Eliezer experiences as a result of the killings, beatings, and starvation  *Include quote Give context (TPC/BDA)* | The words that explain HOW such loss of faith in God takes away Eliezer’s prior security and belief that God will always be there to comfort and protect him *Hint: Look at E’s time in Sighet and compare his view of God there to his view of God at Auschwitz.* |
| 1a. | 1b. | 1c. |
| 2a. | 2b. | 2c. |
| 3a. | 3b. | 3c. |

Topic Sentence 3: Because of the constant environment of fear the Nazis force Eliezer to endure, Eliezer’s focus on his own survival diminishes his former ability to feel human compassion for others who are being abused. Now seeing himself as a self-focused man whose only care is himself, he no longer believes in the triumph of human selflessness.

Topic Sentence 3 Pieces:

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| 1st part of SUB-CLAIM 3  (with the promise of specific DATA) | 2nd part of SUB-CLAIM 3  (with the promise of specific DATA) | 3rd part of SUB-CLAIM 3  (with the promise of specific DATA) | WARRANT |
| Cause 3 | Effect 3A | Effect 3B | Promise of specific warrant |
| Examples of the constant environment of fear the Nazis force Eliezer to endure  *Include quotes Give context (TPC/BDA)* | Examples of the way Eliezer must focus on his own survival as a result of his environment of fear  *Include quotes Give context (TPC/BDA)* | Examples of the way such focus on survival causes Eliezer to lose his ability to feel compassion  *Include quotes Give context (TPC/BDA)* | The words which explain HOW such loss of human compassion takes away from Eliezer his former belief that he is a compassionate person who will take action to help others in need |
| 1a. | 1b. | 1c. | 1d. |
| 2a. | 2b. | 2c. | 2d. |
| 3a. | 3b. | 3c. | 4c. |