EOI Writing Practice 1

Based on Chapters 1-2 on *Night* by Elie Wiesel

Write a solid five to six paragraph essay in which you respond accurately, thoroughly, and correctly to ONE of the following prompts. You must write an introductory paragraph with an interesting opening statement and a thesis statement that throws back the prompt. Then write three to four body paragraphs. Each paragraph should explain one proof mentioned in your thesis. Add details, compound and complex sentences (correctly written), and figurative language to raise your score. Write a solid conclusion paragraph in which you remind us of your position (throw the prompt back again and tell us what you said about it), restate your thesis, and leave us with a solid statement that makes us think.

Prompt #1: The young Elie Wiezel is driven by his desire to learn. Studying is both his job and his hobby. What do you have in your life that drives you to be your best? Why is this “hobby” so important to you?

Prompt #2: When Moishe returns to Sighet after his ordeal with the German soldiers on the border of Poland, he says he was driven by the need to tell the people there about his experience and to warn them. Tell a story about something that has happened to you that other people can learn from (it doesn’t have to be a big thing like Moishe, but we all have experiences that have taught us a lesson).

Prompt #3: Page 9 says, “Anti-Semitic acts take place every day, in the streets, on the trains.” A similar statement could be said of the halls at our school. “Hateful acts take place every day, in the halls, in the classroom, on the field”. How does hatefulness and cruelty affect people here, and what can you do to stop it?

Prompt #4: The Jews packed up their belongings in an effort to save the things most precious to them. In the end, much of it had to be left behind. If you were in a similar situation, what would be the three m ost precious items that you would choose to carry with you?