

Parenthetical Citations

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Quoting something the author says

Elie mourns the fact that he is beginning to abandon his father when he says, “Only yesterday, I would have dug my nails into this criminal’s flesh” (39).

Quoting something a character says

To demonstrate the importance of work, the Kapo says, ““Work or crematorium—the choise is yours”” (39).

Paraphrasing a specific example

Toward the middle of his experiences in the concentration camps, Elie’s faith-life continues to diminish as exemplified by his refusal to fast on Yom Kippur. Despite the fact that they are being starved to death, and nearly every day of their lives is like a fasting day, many of the devout Jews of the camp keep the tradition of fasting on this Day of Atonement. Elie and his father, however, refuse. In refusing to fast, Elie is rebelling and protesting against God. He felt abandoned and alone, as it appeared to him that God was remaining silent to the needs and cries of His people. With this act of defiance, Elie’s faith-life became even weaker (69).