

Directions: Explore factors that further develop your understanding of Elie’s identity. Use the questions below to help guide you in your exploration. If specific passages are relevant make sure to highlight them. Garnering information from pages 21-43:

What impact did the stripping and branding have upon Elie?

How does Elie respond when his father is beaten for the first time? How does that response affect the way he sees himself?

How do the words of others impact Elie? Consider: the hysterically-brutal officer, Chlomo, the young Pole, Stein of Antwerp, and Akiba Drumer.

In Elie’s description of that night, what does it mean for a life to be turned into “one long night” (32)?

How has his arrival at Auschwitz changed Elie? What parts of his identity does he cling to?

What parts seem to be less important than they were even a few days earlier?

Identity Elie shows...	Reasoning As illustrated by...