***Night:* Sample paragraphs**

**English 9**

1. My quote that I picked is “tears, like drops of wax, flowed from his eyes.” This quote is about Moishe the beadle. He is crying because no one will listen to him. Moishe is being compared to a candle. He is trying to help the people in Sighet, like a candle giving light, but no one will listen to him, so he cries. He wants everyone to know that the Nazis are coming, but everyone thinks he’s lying so his tears are like him melting. Moishe is like a candle melting down. The tears flow down his face because he is deeply sad. He wants to save everyone, but they think he is trying to get attention. He is trying to give light, but everyone is ignoring him and staying in the darkness.
2. Early on in the book *night*, moishe the beadle survives execution and tries to warn the townspeople in sighet about the danger that is coming. When no one listens to him he breaks down, and “tears, like drops of wax, flowed from his eyes.” The author compares moishe’s tears to drops of wax, and in doing so compares moishe to a candle. The fact that no one will listen to his warnings is wearing moishe down, in the same way that a candle slowly melts. He is trying to shed light on the problem at expense to himself, similar to how a candle melts itself as it gives light. In this case, moishe’s warnings are the light and the approaching danger of the Nazis is the dark. moishe cries not just for himself, but for the fate that he knows is coming for the Jewish people of sighet.
3. The novel “Night” is set in a small town called Sighet in eastern Europe. The town has many Jewish people in it, and at one point all the foreign Jewish people are taken away. One of them, Moishe the beadle, manages to come back and he starts telling everyone what happened to him. He and the others were unloaded from the train they were on and then forced to dig ditches. Once the ditches were dug, the guards began executing all of the prisoners. Moishe managed to survive and get back to Sighet, where he tries to warn everyone that danger is coming. When no one listens to him he cries. “Tears, like drops of wax, flowed from his eyes.” Moishe is being compared to a candle. He is giving light by telling the truth, but no one is listening to him, so he’s melting.