

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich-- Early Morning and Breakfast pgs. 3-22

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. Why does Shukhov never oversleep reveille?

4. What advice did Kuziomin give the new men? What part of that advice does Shukhov dispute and why?

5. Who is "One-and-a-half" and how does he figure into Shukhov decision to stay in bed?

6. At what temperature is it too cold to send the prisoners out to work? What does this tell you about working conditions at the camp?

7. What is Shukhov's actual punishment for sleeping in? How does he react to the Tartar's justice?

8. How does Shukhov wash the guardroom floor? Why does he do it this way?

9. What is the difference between working for the knowing and working for fools? Why is this knowledge important?

10. What is Shukhov's most prized possession? How does he care for it?

11. Describe the breakfast scene and how Shukhov eats? What does this tell us about him and about camp life?

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The March to Work pgs. 22-38

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. How does Tiurin react when he is questioned by the junior guard about being late? What does this say about him?

4. Why do the squad members immediately give Tiurin a portion of any food they get from outside?

5. Why does Tezar give his cigarette butt to Shukhov instead of Fetiukov?

6. How did the morning and evening prisoner searches differ?

7. Why are the guards so vigilant in the counting of the prisoners?

8. Why is Shukhov not excited about the chance to write a letter home?

9. What is Shukhov's wife's dream for when he returns? What does he feel about it?

10. Why does Shukhov describe Tiurin as a "true son of the Gulag?"

11. What is the importance of the squad leader? How do his men treat him?

12. What do the men do as soon as they step onto the building site?

13. What is the "proper" way to eat?

14. What is Shukhov's opinion of Estonians?

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The Workday, Before Lunch pgs. 39-57

1. Last name

2. First Name

3. Why is Fetiukov such a jackal?

4. Why are snowstorms both good and bad?

5. What is Shukhov's first work assignment and why is he chosen for it?

6. What is Shukhov's attitude towards good tools, and to what lengths will he go to support this attitude?

7. Why do the prisoners work so hard?

8. Who does Tiurin give the wheelbarrow jobs to and why?

Lunch pgs. 58-73 "Shall we mix..."

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. Why must you never put your feet up on the stove?

4. Why do the men consider Shukhov "lucky?"

5. Why is Shukhov skeptical about his "luck?"

6. Why is Shukhov in prison? What really happened?

7. What do the men know about Senka?

8. What "new" thing had been happening at the camp?

9. How much grits does each man get for lunch?

10. What is Shukhov's job at lunch? What does this job say about conditions there?

11. How does Shukhov use his wits to secure extra food?

12. Why doesn't Shukhov automatically get an extra bowl?

13. What important transformation is Captain Buinovsky undergoing? Why is it so important?

14. How does Tezar's job compare to that of the other men in the company?

15. What does Shukhov find on the ground, what does he do with it and why?

16. Why is Tiurin in such a good mood after lunch? Why is this important?

17. Why was Tiurin kicked out of the army?

18. How did Tiurin get on the train, what good fortune did he have once he was on board and how did he repay the good fortune in the future?

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Building the Wall pgs. 73-89 "Now to catch up"

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. What is the difference between the guards power over men and the squad leaders power over them?

4. What makes Pavlo work so hard that day?

5. What kind of worker is Shukhov? How does this play to his advantage?

6. How does nature force the masons into doing a good job?

7. Why does Der threaten Tiurin, and how do Tiurin and his men react?

8. Why does Shukhov insist that Pavlo and Senka let him set the last few blocks of the day?

- 9. Why did it take agreement among the squad leaders to get the squads to quit at the same time?

- 10. What does Shukhov's refusal to throw away the mortar tell us about him?

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The March Back to Camp pgs. 89-105

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. What was the most frightening part of arriving at the gate late?

4. What made the guards recounting so irritating?

5. Why is it important to be the first column back to camp?

6. Which prisoner was missing that held up the group? What is special about him?

7. How did Fetiukov mess up the count? What was the guard's response?

8. Why do the zeks refuse the guard's order to "step lively?"

9. Why do they decide to run after all?

10. Why are the zeks from the machine works searched more thoroughly than everyone else?

11. Who did Shukhov say was the zeks main enemy? Why?

12. What does Shukhov realize right before he is searched?

13. Why does Shukhov chose the guard to search him?

14. Why does Shukhov fear being thrown into prison?

15. What makes the dinner soup so dear to the prisoners?

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Back In Camp pgs. 106-139

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. How do the guards handle and distribute the parcels? Why?

4. Why did Shukhov tell his family to quit sending him parcels?

5. What bad news did Shukhov learn while standing in line? What does he attribute it to?

6. Why does Shukhov offer to bring Tsezar his supper to the barracks?

7. How does the "Limper" decide who to hit and who not to hit? What does this say about him?

8. Why is the head cook so powerful? Describe him.

9. Why does Shukhov say Gopchik will do well?

10. Why was the dinner stew thinner than the morning stew?

11. Why is this a "red letter day" for Shukhov? What does this say about life in camp?

12. Describe prisoner U-81. What makes him stand out?

13. How did Shukhov earn money?

14. What makes getting a parcel not as wonderful as it first seems?

15. What happened to Fetiukov that makes Shukhov prophesy that he won't make it to the end of his term? What is wrong with Fetiukov?

16. When dealing with the guard "Snubnose," how does Tiurin once again prove his skill as squad leader?

17. What happens to those who serve ten "hard" days in the cells? Fifteen?

18. How does Tsezar demonstrate his lack of understanding of camp life? How does Shukhov help him?

19. What happens anytime a zek gets warm? Why?

20. What is Shukhov's response when Aloysha urges him to pray?

21. Why does Aloysha say you should not pray for freedom?

22. What does freedom mean to Shukhov? Why has he quit hoping for it?

23. How does Shukhov sleep to keep warm?

24. Why did Shukhov go to sleep content?
