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PLACE PRIZE -- world renowned philosopher and teacher Elie Wiesel is winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize for Peace. In announcing the prestigious honor, the Norwegian Nobel Committee noted that "Wiesel has emerged as one of the most important spiritual leaders and guides in an age when violence, repression and racism continue to characterize the world." A professor at Boston University in Massachusetts, Wiesel survived the holocaust in which millions of European Jews perished during the Second World War. He has written several novels, essays, plays and other writings relating to that period in history. President Ronald Reagan appointed him as chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

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