Journal Entry 4

We have talked about visualizing while we read. Quote a short sample of visual text from your reading. Explain why you were able to picture this well. **Due Date: January 15, 2016**

Date: January 7, 2016

Title: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

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“Very slowly he turned his head back to look at Shmuel, who wasn’t crying any more, merely starting at the floor and looking as if he was trying to convince his soul not to live in his tiny body any more, but to slip away and sail to the door and rise up into the shy, gliding through the clouds until it was very far away.”

This is the scene where Bruno abandons his only friend, Shmuel because of fear. He lies to Lieutenant Kotler claiming not to know who Shmuel is, hanging him out to dry and suffer the consequences all alone.

I picked this particular part because I can see the fear that was in Shmuel’s eyes and the trembling in his hands, as he knows what will happen next. I can see the hope of being saved from being mercilessly beaten drain out of his sad eyes and Bruno refuses to admit their friendship.

Knowing what is coming to him, I feel Shmuel gives up and would rather just die then suffer any longer. He was betrayed by someone he considered to be a great friend. Someone who gave him something to look forward to during this horrific time in his life.

I can see Shmuel’s soul slither out of his body and float towards the door as all hope is lost. I can feel how Shmuel would rather be dead then where he is now because he would be surrounded by peace while floating far, far away in the white puffy clouds.