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# Overall Self-Reflection

*As a student I can be a bit lazy and not work to my full potential with my classes. Now I have realized at the end of my sophomore year that I need to work a lot harder. I have very high goals and expectations for myself in life. My great goal for myself is to graduate Manhattan Hunter Science High School with a scholarship to Hunter College or Colombia College.*

*I think that I did a lot better in my English class last year than I am doing this year. My grades were better and everything seemed easier to me. This year I am not working to my fullest potential because I have much to do and not enough time to do it in. From last year to this year the work has also gotten harder with more assignments and work in general. I guess I just need to learn how to manage my time better. What has I think has improved is my ability to write essays and the way that I am able express myself in class. Now I speak a little more fluently and intellectual when I am speaking or defending my opinions on a specific topic. My listening skills have in my opinion also improved. Last year I wasn't able to really listen to a teacher in class and to then be able to take notes efficiently off what they are saying now I am able to do that. Another skill that I think that has improved is my reading ability. Before I had trouble pronouncing*

*harder words and then being able to know what they mean from the text. Now I am able to know the definition of a word just by reading the text around it. I think in certain ways I have improved from this year to last in English class.*

*I know that I have to improve immensely this up and coming year. I have to try harder in class and be able to get more things done. I also need to always be on time and always be in class. I would think that was one of my biggest problems, being on time. Another thing that I need to improve on is handing in every assignment and on time. I think that if I can make these improvements this new coming school year my grades in English class will improve immensely. I just need to work hard all year and not half of it. Usually I start out strong doing all my work and everything else that I have to do and then half way through the school year I get lazy and start slacking off with my work.*

*One of my biggest strengths in English class in my opinion is the way that I can speak my mind on almost any subject that we are learning. If I have something that I wan to say I am going to say it, if someone doesn't like it oh well. I think that one of my biggest weaknesses in my English class is my ability to ask for help from the teacher or a fellow classmate. I am the type of person that if I have a problem with something I am going to keep it to myself and just keep getting it wrong. I need to be able to ask someone for help so I can be able to make it better and improve on it.*

*My work that I have done through out this year has not been the best. I know that I can do a lot better. I look at some of the mistakes that I make and then think*

*its stupid, if I would have looked at it for a second longer or if I would have missed that TV show it would not have happened. That is the thing about me I rush my work and do it as fast as I can so I can watch TV or get on the phone with my boyfriend and I need to not do that. I need to take that extra hour and evaluate my work a little more so I wont make all the mistakes that I do make. I know that next year that I have to put a lot of thing on hold including my social life so my grades can improve so maybe I can be able to get a scholarship to college and a high score on the SAT's.*

*As an overall reflection of this school year is that I did sort of bad and I know that I could have done a lot better. I guess this assignment helped give me some perspective with my schoolwork and life. I now realize that I do need to take school more seriously so I can be able to go to college and make life better for me in the future. I guess that is why teachers give us students these types of assignment so we can be able to realize out flaws so we can then fix them.*

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June 14, 2006

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*Reflection to my Book Review:*

*Night*

*By: Elie Wiesel*

In my opinion for me this was a very easy book review to write. I very much enjoyed the book Night by Elie Wiesel. It was also that I put so much of my mind into this book because Wiesel makes you feel every word that he writes. I also enjoyed it because I got to say what I wanted about the book. Everything else that I have to write for this class we cant put our own opinion but with this we got to say our opinion and what we felt about the book. This book shows the pain that all the Jewish people went through during the time of the Holocaust.

Here for you is my opinion on why Night is such a good book and why I think you should read it. It shows all the heartache and pain that the Jewish people go through. Well I hope that you can enjoy the book the way I have.

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*Book Review:  
Night  
By: Elie Wiesel  
(revised)*

*Night By: Elie Wiesel I think was an extraordinary book. It was about a Jewish teenager named Eliezer and his father that gets sent to a concentration camp. This novel shows the bad conditions and the heartaches that the Jewish people go through while they're in the concentration camps, all the horrible things that they see and all the deaths around them. At the end after months being in that horrible place right after his father dies due to all the abuse, on April 11, 1945 the American armies liberate the camp and everyone is let free.*

*I think one of the strongest qualities of this book is the way that he speaks. Since he was actually in the camp every word shows the heartache and pain that they went through. The further you get into the book the more it makes you want to cry because with every chapter what he went through sounds more real.*

*I don't think that this book has any weakness. I think that this book just has strengths. This novel is Wiesel's memoir of this experience. Everything that he says and*

*everything that he went through was real. The only weakness in this book is that he had to go through all of this. That is why this book sounds so real because it was real.*

*I would recommend this book to anyone and everyone. I think the kind of reader that would especially enjoy it is the kind of readers that like to read memoirs, what someone else went through. This book reels you in even more with every chapter that you read. I enjoyed this book very much and I hope you can to.*

June 1, 2006

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My Reflection:  
*I Too Can Sing!*

I think that my poem *I Too Can Sing* is one of the poems that I have written. When I really put my mind to something and take my time to write it not rush through it I can really be a great writer. It talks about the pain that immigrants go through working for minimum wage just so support their families. Now though in the year 2006 yes there are still immigrants that work for minimum wage but there are also Hispanic's that have high executive paying jobs that have made better for themselves. Back in the day I don't know why Hispanic's even blacks were considered such a low class. We can't just say the color of our skin because there were some Hispanic's that were very light skin, I guess it was just because the way we talked back then and the way that we were.

Here for your reading pleasures is what I think what of my best pieces of work for the year. It tells how yes back then we were nothing working for the whites and getting little or no pay. How now we are at high places of power, how now we are finally equal and free.

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*I am America  
(Revised)*

*I am America*

*I am the one who fought to be here*

*I am the one who is looked down upon from the whites*

*I am the one who has to work for minimum wage*

*To support my family*

*Now we have higher places in power*

*Now we are all equal*

*Now I don't have to be told what to do*

*I tell you what to do*

*After all the fighting*

*The pain*

*The agony*

*The misery*

*We are equal*

*We are one*

*We are free!*

I am America  
I am the one who <sup>for a bit</sup> ~~had to fight~~ to get the rights to be here  
I am the one who is looked down upon from the whites  
I am the one who had to work for minimum wage  
~~Just to~~ support my family

Now we have higher places in power  
Now we all ~~are created~~ equal  
Now I don't have to be told what to do  
I tell you what to do

After all the fighting  
The pain  
The agony  
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We are free!

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# Johnny Got His Gun By Dalton Trumbo (Revised)

## Chapter 6 Response (Pg. 65 – 79)

Joe is laying in his bed remembering when he lived in LA how he use to work the night shifts with his Puertorican friend named Jose. He was remembering all the problems that Jose had went through while he was working at that job. Jose had to leave his first high-paying job working as a chauffeur for a rich family when their daughter fell in love with him. Then his other problem is that he found a day job at a studio but he didn't want to leave the night job because Jody Simmons the boss did him the huge favor of giving him the job, so he suffered less than an hour of sleep each night. After the third day of only getting an hour of sleep he decided to try and get himself fired. After 2 attempts of trying to get fired it worked, so now he only had a day job. Jose was still loyal, he still offered to pay for the pies, which he did so by mail. When Joe awakens he thinks that Jose is still with him. As he starts to regain full consciousness he remembers that he is still in the hospital and that he is alone.

I think that Joe is such a bad predicament. He lost all of his limbs and cant do anything for himself. All he is able to do is live off his memories. How things were like for him before he went to war. I think that if it weren't for the good memories that he has of before he went to war he would have let himself die a long time ago. His memories is what I think keeps him alive.

May 11, 2006  
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Add my response/  
what I think.

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June 14, 2006

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*Night*  
*By: Elie Wiesel*  
*(Revised)*

**Pg. 63 – 109: How is Wiesel able to stay alive mentally physically and emotionally?**

*I think that Wiesel is able to stay alive through hope. The hope that he will eventually get out of there and lead a better life. Another reason that he is still able to stay alive is because of his father. His father was a big support system for him through this whole experience. I think without him being able to go through this without his father they would have killed him a long time ago. I think you can tell this because there is a part in the book that his father was really sick and he was going crazy, was wasn't able to motivate himself.*

*I think it would have been the same thing with anyone. You had to have someone that can help you with what you go through in the concentration camps or else you would have nothing to live for.*

June 3, 2006

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## Night

By: Elie Wiesel

### **Pg. 1 – 43: What were Wiesel's feelings towards the war?**

Wiesel's feelings towards the war in the beginning of the war were that it was about to hopefully end. (Pg. 39) He was hoping that the war would end because he thought when the war was over they would free them from the concentration camp.

### **Pg. 44 – 62: What were Wiesel's feelings towards the war?**

Wiesel's feelings towards the war now a little more into the book is that the German troops were losing terribly against the Americans. On pg. 57 the American troops are bombing the concentration camp. Then again the littlest of hope helped them have a reason to stay alive.

### **Pg. 63 – 109: How is Wiesel able to stay alive mentally, physically, and emotionally?**

I think ~~the way~~ that Wiesel is able to stay alive is through hope. The hope that he will eventually ~~be able to~~ get out of there and lead a <sup>better</sup> good life.

Another reason that he is still able to stay alive is because of his father. His father was a big support system for him through ~~those hard times~~ <sup>this whole experience</sup>. I think ~~without him~~ <sup>his father</sup> being able to go through this with his father they would have ~~killed him~~ <sup>I think</sup> a long time ago. You can tell this because there is a part in the book that his father was really sick and he was going crazy, he ~~was~~ <sup>wasn't</sup> able to motivate himself.



# MHSHS

## Portfolio

*Bristol*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Overall Organization</b>	All components of portfolio are clear, present, well-organized, and complete.	Most components of portfolio are present, organized, and complete. Might be missing a revision or contain an unsatisfactory reflection.	Fulfills some requirements of the portfolio. Missing two or more components.	Fulfills few if any of the requirements of the portfolio. Missing many / components.	15
<b>Creative Presentation</b>	Fulfills all visual requirements. Portfolio excels in neatness and creativity. Goes above and beyond.	Fulfills most visual requirements. Is neat and creative.	Fulfills some of the visual requirements. May be lacking in neatness or creativity.	Fulfills few if any of the visual requirements. Is messy and/ or lacks in creativity.	15
<b>Reflections</b>	Exhibits an exceptionally honest, candid ability to reflect upon one's self and work in the overall self-reflection, all other reflections and portfolio conference.	Exhibits a basic ability to reflect upon one's self and work in the overall self-reflection, all other reflections and portfolio conference.	Is lacking in some aspects of one or more reflections. Displays an incomplete ability to reflect on one's work in writing or conference.	Is lacking in many aspects of many of the reflections. Does not display an ability to reflect on one's work in writing or conference.	14
<b>Revisions</b>	Has shown exceptional and thoughtful revisions in every piece of work. All revision drafts are present.	Has shown thoughtful revisions in every piece of work. Most revisions are present.	Has shown revisions in some pieces of work. Some revisions are present.	Has shown insufficient revisions in many pieces of work. Few revisions are present.	14
<b>Mechanics and Grammar</b>	Components have no errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	Components have one or two punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors.	Components have several punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors which do not hinder the ability to comprehend.	Components have several errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling which hinder the ability to comprehend.	15
				<b>Total</b> →	(73)

Teacher Comments: