

### Handout 8.3 **A Sample of Daniel's Writing**

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In my opinion, *Maus* and *Night* are so far the best books that I have read. I'm glad I chose *Maus* and *Night* because they gave me a different view on life and I learned how things have changed over time. Both Vladek in *Maus* and Eliezer in *Night* helped me to fight through tough situations and to not give up. Vladek and Eliezer have similar situations. They both survived in the Holocaust and both lived to tell the story about how they survived and what they had to do to get through it. The two characters taught me the meaning of hard work and fighting through tough situations). Although the two taught me how to overcome hard times, I still sometimes have to go through situations the same way that I used to go through them. The lesson they taught me really helped in a long run because I now know what to do in these situations. In *Maus* Eliezer and his little brother came out from the war alive and the rest of his family was gone. He had a responsibility's such as: watch over his little brother and protect him. In my opinion, Eliezer and Vladek are good role models. They are role models for people who must fight to protect their families. They have to work hard to keep food on the table, clothes on their backs, and a roof over their head. Though they have similar story lines, they have one thing that is different between the two. In *Night*, Eliezer's family dies and he and his brother were the only ones to survive while in *Maus*, Vladek family survives except for his wife. Family matters. Eliezer and Vladek have that inspired me to go out and do the same for my family. I'm not impressed with them just surviving, but it plays a big part because it teaches me how to not give up and to think about family when it gets tough down the road.

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