Directions: Consider the theme of “FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIPS” and create a paragraph response below. Consider the following question: *How does Elie show this theme and why? What does Elie seem to say about his relationship with his father?*

**Use the following organization to structure your paragraph:**

1. Topic Sentence: Claim—what does Elie say or do with this theme?
2. Give some background
3. Give at least one quote
4. Explain the evidence
5. Closing Sentence: Restate your claim, your argument

**Example:**

Elie Wiesel’s book, *Night*, shows a haunting theme of violence and how the Nazis did unspeakable and unnecessary violence against the Jews during the Holocaust. Early in the book, Elie witnesses the Nazis’ cruelty which is used on any Jew, no matter who they are. When Elie first arrives at Auschwitz, he truly begins to comprehend this violence when he says, “Never shall I forget the small faces of children whose bodies I saw transformed into smoke” (Wiesel, 34). He also adds in descriptions of “so many crazed men, so much shouting, so much brutality” (Wiesel, 34). Elie is haunted and overwhelmed by all that he sees, and this is only his first day at the infamous concentration camp. He will never forget these scenes, and what makes it even worse is that these victims of violence—victims like the small children he sees in the smoke---are so young and innocent.

My Response:

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| **Got it!** | **Almost.** | **Not Quite** |