

Elie Wiesel

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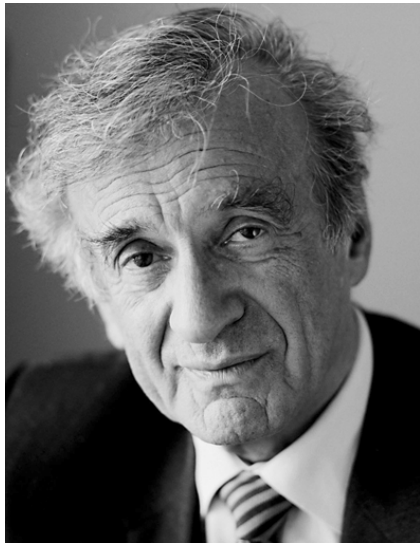
“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.” -Elie Wiesel

Elie Wiesel has been devoted to creating peace in the world ever since his early exposure to injustice. First, Elie Wiesel was born on September 30, 1928 in Sighet, Transylvania. He had three sisters, Hilda, Beatrice, and Tzipora, a father, Sholomo, and a mother. In addition to this, Elie's family members were strict Orthodox Jews. Sholomo Wiesel thought that it was very important to have a strong sense of humanism, so he wanted Elie to learn modern Hebrew, read literature, and study the Torah. Later, Elie lived a very peaceful life until 1943, when he was brought into the unimaginable darkness of the Holocaust. To conclude, Elie Wiesel has spread peace around the world, despite his indescribable childhood experiences during the Holocaust.



The Holocaust has been the root cause for Elie Wiesel's work toward international peace. To begin with, Elie was 15 when his family was forced to leave their home and live in various German concentration camps. Next, Elie was separated from his mother and sisters, but his father was at his side keeping him striving for survival in the horrible concentration camps that they

were sent to. Elie and the few other people who survived past camps finally got a taste of freedom when Americans liberated Buchenwald in April 1945. Unfortunately, Elie's father died shortly before this event. Finally, Elie was free. But he chose to remain silent about his exposure to the Holocaust for ten years. In short, Elie Wiesel has chosen to work internationally to promote peace around the world as a result of his experiences.



After Elie Wiesel was involved in the Holocaust, he won many awards for working to prevent injustice in the world. First of all, Elie received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and various other awards. Next, Elie set up the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, which promotes acceptance, intolerance and justice. Elie also supports causes dealing with disaster relief, hunger, genocide, equal human rights, and other current problems in the world. Lastly, Elie Wiesel is still working towards world peace. In his exceedingly meaningful quote above, Elie states that there are times when we cannot

change something too powerful for us to overcome, but there must never be a time when we stop protesting against it. I believe that this quote is true for everyone, for we must all fight for the right thing, even if we cannot change it at first. When I read a collection of Elie Wiesel's books, I thought about how we can all make a seemingly small change in the world, but together, everything makes a greater impact. Elie Wiesel has helped to change the world in many ways, and we must all continue to strive for equality, peace and justice in the world.