Witness to History

When asked why he became a writer, Elie Wiesel responds by speaking of those who did not survive to tell their stories:

“I owe them my roots and memory. I am duty-bound to serve as their emissary, transmitting the history of their disappearance, even if it disturbs, even if it brings pain. Not to do so would be to betray them, and thus myself.”

Why does Elie Wiesel feel so strongly that he has an obligation to bear witness? What lesson does he want us to learn from his story?

Respond to the quote and questions above in 2-3 strong paragraphs. Remember to introduce your topic, make a claim/thesis statement that will guide your writing, and support your reasoning with examples from Night. Write your response on a separate sheet of paper.