

## Poem Assignment Example

“Have You Learned the Most Important Lesson of All”

Elie Wiesel

There is divine beauty in learning,  
just as there is human beauty in tolerance.  
To learn means to accept the postulate  
that life did not begin at my birth.  
Others have been here before me,  
and I walk in their footsteps.  
The books I have read were composed  
by generations of fathers and sons,  
mothers and daughters,  
teachers and disciples.  
I am the sum total  
of their experiences, their quests.  
And so are you.