

World Humanities and Sophomore Literature Seminar “My Life’s Sentences” by Jhumpa Lahiri

Finding *Your* Life Sentence

Tonight, for homework, you are to locate a sentence that has struck you, made you re-read it, and has stayed with you long after.

This sentence or sentences (between 1 and 3) could have come from a novel, a film, or a song.

1. Write that sentence (in quotation marks) noting the source information (title, author, page number in the book if possible). Remember, the title needs to be underlined if it is a full-length work of literature or film and in quotation marks if it from a song.
2. Then, using Lahiri and Morrison’s essays as a guide, you are to accurately reflect the experience of reading this line or lines.
3. Why was the line so evocative? Where is the artistry in the words chosen? Were there particular literary elements employed? What was it about the sentence’s structure? Was there a rhythm in the sentence?
4. Include anything else you feel necessary to explaining your “second look” and appreciation for the language used in the sentence or sentences that you chose.