

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## “Dulce et Decorum Est” by Wilfred Owen



DIRECTIONS: Please answer the following questions in complete sentences.  
Don't forget to address all parts of the question.

1. How does the poet make an impact on the reader in the first two lines of the text? Identify the 2 **similes** used and explain what they tell us about the soldiers.
  - a)
  - b)
2. Having read these lines what does the reader now understand the real **tone** of the title of the poem to be?
3. How does the poet develop the description of the soldiers in lines 3 to 7? Refer to **at least** one example of **metaphor**.
4. What **adjective** does the poet use in Line 10? Why is it effective?
5. Explain what is being described in lines 10 to 14. How does the poet use language in lines 11 and 12 to convey the way in which soldier is moving?
6. Look at lines 13 to 14. How does Owen help us imagine his view of the event he is describing?
7. What is the poet describing in Stanza Three?
8. What does this tell us about Owen's feelings about the event he witnessed, and the effect of war on people's lives?
9. Comment on the use of the word, "*flung*" in Line 18. What does it suggest about the soldiers and the way the dying man is treated?
10. What is the poet's message in the poem and how is it emphasised in the closing lines (25 to 29) of the poem?
11. Choose a phrase you think is particularly shocking or effective in describing the experience of war. Quote the phrase you have chosen and explain why you feel it is so powerful.

## WRITING APPLICATION

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Find 5 words/phrases to replace in your Personal Narrative.

**In the table below:**

2. Write the *full sentence* you have selected.
3. Underline the part being replaced.
4. Create a more descriptive sentence and record the change.

**On your Personal Narrative:**

5. Update your story with the changes you made.

<b>1</b>	Original:
	Rewritten:

<b>2</b>	Original:
	Rewritten:

<b>3</b>	Original:
	Rewritten:

<b>4</b>	Original:
	Rewritten:

<b>5</b>	Original:
	Rewritten: