

Lesson details

Year Group: 10

Subject: English

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Hyperlinks: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/57261/exposure-56d23a961ef5a>

Do Now Questions

1. "_____ ice east _____ that knife us"
2. "But _____ happens."
3. "All their _____ are ice"

Engage

LO: Can I recall knowledge of Wilfred Owen's 'Exposure'?

Keywords: futility

Futility refers to something being meaningless.

E.g. War is futile. The poem explores the futility of war.

Learn

Writer's purpose:

Wilfred Owen explores the futility of war in his poems. He presents the reality of war as a time of waiting and suffering at the hands of nature rather than the enemy.

Build

Answer the following quick questions:

2. What could the title be referring to? Come up with at least two interpretations. _____

3. What is the effect of the use of rhyme in the poem? _____
4. Where is the speaker and what is he doing? _____
5. What does the use of personification suggest about the speaker's feelings about nature? _____

6. What does the word 'merciless' tell us about the wind? _____
7. How is sound used in the poem? _____
8. What is the effect of the present tense in the poem? _____
9. What does the poet suggest about God? _____
10. What do the men dream about? _____
11. Whose eyes are ice and why? _____
12. What is the effect of the poet ending the last stanza in the same way as the first? _____

Apply

Quote	Method	Why is this important?
“merciless iced east winds that knife us”		
“But nothing happens.”		
“like a dull rumour of some other war”		
“Is it that we are dying?”		
“Sudden successive flights of bullets streak the silence”		
“All their eyes are ice”		

Review

Choose three key quotations from Exposure and **dual code** them (draw icons to suit the key words of the quotation).