

English Literature: Week beginning 22nd June 2020

These tasks will help you to learn about the context of the poem *Exposure*, written by Wilfred Owen - one of the poems from the Power and Conflict cluster.

Work can be completed electronically or handwritten. Then, it can be emailed to me via the email below. For the handwritten work, take a photo of the handwritten work and send it in this way.

Do not worry if do not understand all of the tasks, do what you can. If you have any questions about his work, or you would like to send the work, please email:

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Exposure by Wilfred Owen



LO: To be able to identify relevant context.

Context:

The context in which a poem was written can sometimes tell you more about its themes, message and meaning. It is important to understand events around the time of the poem as it gives us insight into the themes, ideas and discussions that were going on at the time of the poet's writing.

Task 1:

- Read the information about *Exposure* on BBC bitesize (link below) - read page 6 only.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwbxp39/revision/6>

Task 2:

Research Owen's background to find the answers to these questions and make notes.

Questions to consider:

1. Are aspects of the poet's life reflected in the poem?
2. Is the time or place it was written reflected in the poem?

Some ideas to help you answer the questions above:

- Date text was written.
- Owen's life
- What society was like at the time the text was written.
- What or who influenced the writer.
- Political or social influences there would have been.

Task 3:

Using your research notes, answer the questions below:

1. Are aspects of the poet's life reflected in the poem?
2. Is the time or place it was written reflected in the poem?

Extension task:

Write a summary (a brief statement which gives the main points).

For example:

Wilfred Owen was born in ... and he was a ... His experiences...

Think about what is relevant to the poem *Exposure* and how it could help you to answer an exam question about the poem.