



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

Dulce et Decorum Est

Poems on War



Claim and Focus

The essay makes a simplistic claim that summarizes the topic of both poems ("both poems that are telling about how some people join the military to help people they love"), and does not fully address the demands of the prompt.



Analysis and Evidence

One piece of textual evidence is included ("In Dulce it said 'bent double, like old beggars under sacks...And towards our distant rest began to trudge'"), but the essay primarily focuses on summarizing the topic of the poems ("In the poem Who's for the game the author is also showing what war is like and he describes it like a game"). Analysis of the features and effects of the poems is absent.



Organization

An introduction is attempted as a hook is clearly present ("Who would've thought that war could inspire so many emotions!"), though a clear claim and concluding statement are missing. The lack of transitions and structure makes the essay hard to follow.



Language and Style

The essay does not establish a formal style of writing. Sentence structure is simple and repetitive ("This poem shows what war is like"), and key vocabulary from the prompt is not used to express or clarify ideas.



Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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Notes

Poems on War

Who would've thought that war could inspire so many emotions! The heartbreak, the Joy the sadness. We never want to go through war ever again. The poems Dulce et Decorum Est and Who's for the Game are both poems that are telling about how some people join the military to help people they love. Both of the poems are telling about war. In Dulce it said "bent double, like old beggars under sacks, knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge, Til on the haunting flares we turned our backs, And towards our distant rest began to trudge." This poem shows what war is like. In the poem Who's for the game the author is also showing what war is like and he describes it like a game.