Remains by Simon Armitage		Exposure by Wilfred Owen		Poppies by Jane Weir	
Power: Military, Humans Conflict: Modern, Military, Mental		Power: Nature Conflict: Reality of Conflict, Mental, Effects		Power: Emotions, Memories Conflict: Effects	
Content, Meaning and Purpose -Written to coincide with a TV documentary about those returning from war with PTSD. Based on true story of Guardsman Tromans, who fought in Iraq in 2003. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DHWqppktFo) -Speaker describes shooting a looter dead in Iraq and how it has affected himShows the reader that mental suffering can persist long after physical conflict is over.	Context - "These are poems of survivors – the damaged, exhausted men who return from war in body but never, wholly, in mind." Simon Armitage -Poem coincided with increased awareness of PTSD amongst the military, and aroused sympathy amongst the public – many of whom were opposed to the war.	Content, Meaning and Purpose -Speaker describes war as a battle against the weather and conditionsConflicting images of cold and warm reflect the delusional mind of a man dying from hypothermiaOwen wanted to draw attention to the suffering, monotony and futility of war.	Context -Written in 1917 before Owen went on to win the Military Cross for bravery, and was then killed in battle in 1918: the poem has authenticity as it is written by an actual soldier Of his work, Owen said: "My theme is war and the pity of war"Despite highlighting the tragedy of war and mistakes of senior commanders, he had a deep sense of duty: "not loath, we lie out here" shows that he was not bitter about his suffering.	Content, Meaning and Purpose -A modern poem that offers an alternative interpretation of bravery in conflict: it does not focus on a soldier in battle but on the mother who is left behind and must cope with his death. -The narration covers her visit to a war memorial, interspersed with images of the soldier's childhood and his departure for war.	Context -Set around the time of the Iraq and Afghan wars, but the conflict is deliberately ambiguous to give the poem a timeless relevance to all mothers and familiesThere are hints of a critical tone; about how soldiers can be overcome by the glamour or the military: "a blockade of yellow bias" and "intoxicated".
Language - "Remains" - the images and suffering remain "Legs it up the road" - colloquial language = authentic voice - "Then he's carted off in the back of a lorry" — reduction of humanity to waste or cattle - "he's here in my head when I close my eyes / dug in behind enemy lines" — metaphor for a war in his head; the PTSD is entrenched "his bloody life in my bloody hands" — alludes to Macbeth: Macbeth the warrior with PTSD and Lady Macbeth's bloody hands and guilt.	Form and Structure -Monologue, told in the present tense to convey a flashback (a symptom of PTSD)First four stanzas are set in Iraq; last three are at home, showing the aftermathEnjambment between lines and stanzas conveys his conversational tone and gives it a fast pace, especially when conveying the horror of the killing -Repetition of 'Probably armed, Possibly not" conveys guilt and bitterness.	Language -"Our brains ache" physical (cold) suffering and mental (PTSD or shell shock) suffering Weather is the enemy"the merciless iced east winds that knive us" — personification (cruel and murderous wind); sibilance (cutting/slicing sound of wind); ellipsis (never-ending)Repetition of pronouns 'we' and 'our' — conveys togetherness and collective suffering of soldiers.	Form and Structure -Contrast of Cold-Warm-Cold imagery coveys Suffering-Delusions-Death of the hypothermic soldierRepetition of "but nothing happens" creates cyclical structure implying never ending suffering -Rhyme scheme ABBA emphasises the monotonyPararhymes (half rhymes) ("nervous / knife us") only barely hold the poem together, like the men.	Language -Contrasting semantic fields of home/childhood ("cat hairs", "play at being Eskimos", "bedroom") with war/injury ("blockade", bandaged", "reinforcements") -Aural (sound) imagery: "All my words flattened, rolled, turned into felt" shows pain and inability to speak, and "I listened, hoping to hear your playground voice catching on the wind" shows longing for dead son"I was brave, as I walked with you, to the front door": different perspective of bravery in conflict.	Form and Structure -This is an Elegy, a poem of mourningNo rhyme scheme makes it melancholic and adds a sense of realism -Enjambment gives it an anecdotal toneNearly half the lines have caesura – she is trying to hold it together, but can't speak fluently as she is breaking inside.
Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred, Lord T	ennyson	Bayonet Charge by Ted Hughes		War Photographer	
Power: Military, Hierarchical Conflict: Military, Effects, Content, Meaning and Purpose - Published in a newspaper, six weeks after a disastrous battle against the Russians in the unpopular Crimean War - Describes a cavalry charge against Russians who shoot at the lightly-armed British with cannon from three sides of a long valley Of the 600 hundred who started the charge, over half were killed, injured or taken prisoner It is a celebration of the men's courage and devotion to their country, symbols of the might of the British Empire.	Context -As Poet Laureate, he had a responsibility to inspire the nation and portray the war in a positive light: propaganda. -Although Tennyson glorifies the soldiers who took part, he also draws attention to the fact that a commander had made a mistake: "Someone had blunder'd". -This was a controversial point to make in Victorian times when blind devotion to power was expected.	Power: Emotions Conflict: Effects, Reality, Content, Meaning and Purpose -Describes the terrifying experience of 'going over the top': fixing bayonets (long knives) to the end of rifles and leaving a trench to charge directly at the enemySteps inside the body and mind of the speaker to show how this act transforms a soldier from a living thinking person into a dangerous weapon of warHughes dramatises the struggle between a man's thoughts and actions.	Context -Published in 1957, but most-likely set in World War 1Hughes' father had survived the battle of Gallipoli in World War 1, and so he may have wished to draw attention to the hardships of trench warfareHe draws a contrast between the idealism of patriotism and the reality of fighting and killing. ("King, honour, human dignity, etcetera")	Power: Memories Conflict: Mental, Reality, Content, Meaning and Purpose -Tells the story of a war photographer developing photos at home in England: as a photo develops he begins to remember the horrors of war – painting a contrast to the safety of his dark roomHe appears to be returning to a warzone at the end of the poemDuffy conveys both the brutality of war and the indifference of those who might view the photos in newspapers and magazines: those who live in comfort and are unaffected by war.	Context -Like Tennyson and Ted Hughes, Duffy was the Poet LaureateDuffy was inspired to write this poem by her friendship with a war photographer, Don McCullin (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2x8QgGgUTBM). She was intrigued by the challenge faced by these people whose job requires them to record terrible, horrific events without being able to directly help their subjects.
Language -"Into the valley of Death": this Biblical imagery portrays war as a supremely powerful, or even spiritual, experience"jaws of Death" and "mouth of Hell": presents war as an animal that consumes its victims"Honour the Light Brigade/Noble six hundred": language glorifies the soldiers, even in death. The 'six hundred' become a celebrated and prestigious group"shot and shell": sibilance recreates sounds of battle.	Form and Structure -This is a ballad, a form of poetry to remember historical events -6 verses, each representing 100 men who took part. -First stanza tightly structured, mirroring the cavalry formation. Structure becomes awkward to reflect the chaos of battle and the fewer men returning alive. -Repetition of 'the six hundred' at the end of each stanza (epistrophe) emphasises huge loss.	Language "The patriotic tear that brimmed in his eye Sweating like molten iron": his sense of duty (tear) has now turned into the hot sweat of fear and pain. "cold clockwork of the stars and nations": the soldiers are part of a cold and uncaring machine of war. "his foot hung like statuary in midstride.": he is frozen with fear/bewilderment. The caesura (full stop) jolts him back to reality.	Form and Structure -The poem starts 'in medias res': in the middle of the action, to convey shock and pace. -Enjambment maintains the momentum of the charge. -Time stands still in the second stanza to convey the soldier's bewilderment and reflective thoughts. -Contrasts the visual and aural imagery of battle with the internal thoughts of the soldier = adds to the confusion.	Language "All flesh is grass": Biblical reference that means all human life is temporary – we all die eventually. "He has a job to do": like a soldier, the photographer has a sense of duty. "running children in a nightmare heat": emotive imagery with connotations of hell. "blood stained into a foreign dust": lasting impact of war – links to Remains and 'blood shadow'. "he earns a living and they do not care": 'they' is ambiguous – it could refer to readers or the wider world.	Form and Structure -Enjambment – reinforces the sense that the world is out of order and confusedRhyme reinforces the idea that he is trying to bring order to a chaotic world – to create an understandingContrasts: imagery of rural England and nightmare war zonesThird stanza: A specific image – and a memory – appears before him.
Kamikaze by Beatrice Garland		The Emigree by Carol Rumens		Checking Out Me History by John Agard	
Power: Memory, Nature Conflict: Family, Relationships, Content, Meaning and Purpose -In World War 2, Japanese Kamikaze pilots would fly manned missiles into targets such as shipsThis poem explores a kamikaze pilot's journey towards battle, his decision to return, and how he is shunned when he returns homeAs he looks down at the sea, the beauty of nature and memories of childhood make him decide to turn back.	Context - Despite the certainty of death, it was regarded as a great honour to be selected for a Kamikaze mission (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3qoNE4XwhM) -Cowardice or surrender was a great shame in wartime Japan. -To surrender meant shame for you and your family, and rejection by society: "he must have wondered which had been the better way to die".	Power: Memories, Identity Conflict: Military, Identity, Content, Meaning and Purpose - 'Emigree' – a female who is forced to leave their county for political or social reasons The speaker describes her memories of a home city that she was forced to flee. The city is now "sick with tyrants" Despite the cities problems, her positive memories of the place cannot be extinguished.	Context -Emigree was published in 1993. The home country of the speaker is not revealed – this ambiguity gives the poem a timeless relevanceIncreasingly relevant to many people in current world climate	Power: Identity, Protest, Individual Conflict: Identity Content, Meaning and Purpose -Represents the voice of a black man who is frustrated by the Eurocentric history curriculum in the UK – which pays little attention to the black historyBlack history is quoted to emphasise its separateness and to stress its importance.	Context -John Agard was born in the Caribbean in 1949 and moved to the UK in the 1970s. -His poetry often challenges racism and attitudes towards race. -This poem may, to some extent, have achieved its purpose: in 2016, a statue was erected in London in honour of Mary Seacole, one of the subjects of the poem.
Language -The Japanese word 'kamikaze' means 'divine wind' or 'heavenly wind', and has its origin in a heaven-sent storm that scattered an invading fleet in 1250"dark shoals of fish flashing silver": image links to a Samurai sword – conveys the conflict between his love for nature/life and his sense of duty. Also has sibilance "they treated him as though he no longer existed": cruel irony – he chose to live but now must live as though he is dead"was no longer the father we loved": the pilot was forever affected by his decision.	Form and Structure -Narrative and speaker is third person, representing the distance between her and her father, and his rejection by societyThe first five stanzas are ordered (whilst he is flying on his set mission)Only full stop is at the end of Stanza Five: he has made his decision to turn backThe final two are in italics and have longer line to represent the fallout of his decision: his life has shifted and will no longer be the sameDirect speech ("My mother never spoke again") gives the poem a personal tone.	Language -"I left it as a child": ambiguous meaning — either she left when she was a child or the city was a child (it was vulnerable and she feels a responsibility towards it)"I am branded by an impression of sunlight": imagery of light - it will stay with her foreverPersonification of the city: "I comb its hair and love its shining eyes" (she has a maternal love for the city) and "My city takes me dancing" (it is romantic and passionate lover) -"My city hides behind me": it is vulnerable and — despite the fact that she had to flee – she is strongSemantic field of conflict: "Tyrant, tanks, frontiers"	Form and Structure -First personThe last line of each stanza is the same (epistrophe): "sunlight": reinforces the overriding positivity of the city and of the poemThe first two stanzas have lots of enjambment – conveys freedom. The final stanza has lots of full-stops – conveys that fact that she is now trapped.	Language -Imagery of fire and light used in all three stanzas regarding black historic figures: "Toussaint de beacon", "Fire-woman", "yellow sunrise"Uses non-standard phonetic spelling ("Dem tell me wha dem want", to represent his own powerful accent and mixes Caribbean Creole dialect with standard English"I carving out me identity": metaphor for the painful struggle to be heard, and to find his identity.	Form -Dramatic monologue, with a dual structureGraphology: Stanzas concerning Eurocentric history (normal font) are interspersed with stanzas on black history (in italics to represent separateness and rebellion) Black history sections arranged as serious lessonsto be learned; traditional history as nursery rhymes, mixed with fairytales (mocking of traditional history) The lack of punctuation, the stanzas in free verse, the irregular rhyme scheme and the use of Creole could represent the narrator's rejection of the rulesRepetition of "Dem tell me": frustration.

Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley		My Last Duchess by Robert Browning		Tissue by Imtiaz Dharker	
Power: Humans, Nature, Loss of Power, Hierarchical Cor Content, Meaning and Purpose -The narrator meets a traveller who tells him about a decayed stature that he saw in a desert. -The statue was of a long forgotten ancient King: the arrogant Ozymandias, 'king of kings.' -The poem is ironic and one big metaphor: Human power is only temporary — the statue now lays crumbled in the sand, and even the most powerful human creations cannot resist the power of nature.	-Shelley was a poet of the 'Romantic period' (late 1700s and early 1800s). Romantic poets were interested in emotion and the power of nature. -Shelley also disliked the concept of a monarchy and the oppression of ordinary people. -He had been inspired by the French revolution – when the French monarchy was overthrown.	Power: Status, Identity, Males, Control Conflict: Relatio Content, Meaning and Purpose -The Duke is showing a visitor around his large art collection and proudly points out a portrait of his last wife, who is now dead. He reveals that he was annoyed by her over-friendly and flirtatiousbehaviourHe can finally control her by objectifying her and showing her portrait to visitors when he chooses He is now alone as a result of his need for controlThe visitor has come to arrange the Duke's next marriage, and the Duke's story is a subtle warning about how he expects his next wife to behave.	nships, Hierarchy Context -Browning was a British poet, and lived in Italy. The poem was published in 1842. -Browning may have been inspired by the story of an Italian Duke (Duke of Ferrara): his wife died in suspicious circumstances and it was rumoured that she had been poisoned. 'Ferrara' is the sub-title of the poem.	Power: Power of Nature, Identity Conflict: Content, Meaning and Purpose -Two different meanings of 'Tissue' are explored: firstly, the various pieces of paper that control our lives (holy books, maps, grocery receipts); secondly, the tissue of a human body. -The poet explores the paradox that although paper is fragile, temporary and ultimately not important, we allow it to control our lives. -Also, although human life is much more precious, it is also fragile and temporary.	Context -Imtiaz Dharker was born in Pakistan and grew up in GlasgowThis particular poem also questions how well we understand ourselves and the fragility of humanity.
Language -'sneer of cold command': the king was arrogant, this has been recognised by the sculptor, the traveller and then the narrator'Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair.': 'Look' = imperative lighlights commanding tone; ironic – he is telling other 'mighty' kings to admire the size of his statue and 'despair', however they should all really despair because power is only temporary. 'The lone and level sands stretch far away.': the desert is vast, lonely, and lasts far longer than a statue.	Form and Structure -A sonnet (14 lines) but with an unconventional structure. The structure is normal until a turning point (a volta) at Line 9 (these words appear). This reflects how human structures can be destroyed or decayThe iambic pentameter rhyme scheme is also disrupted or 'decayed'First eight lines (the octave) of the sonnet: the statue is described in parts to show its destructionFinal two lines: the huge and immortal desert is described to emphasise the insignificance of human power and pride.	Language -'Looking as if she was alive': sets a sinister tone'Will't please you sit and look at her?' rhetorical question to his visitor shows obsession with power'she liked whate'er / She looked on, and her looks went everywhere.': hints that his wife was a flirt'as if she ranked / My gift of a nine-hundred-years- old name / With anybody's gift': she was beneath him in status, and yet dared to rebel against his authority'I gave commands; Then all smiles stopped together': euphemism for his wife's murder'Notice Neptune, though / Taming a sea-horse': he points out another painting, also about control.	Form and Structure -Dramatic Monologue, in iambic pentameterIt is a speech, pretending to be a conversation – he doesn't allow the other person to speak! -Enjambment: rambling tone, he's getting carried away with his anger. He is a little unstableHeavy use of caesura (commas and dashes): stuttering effect shows his frustration and anger: 'She thanked men, – good! but thanked / Somehow – I know not how' -Dramatic Irony: the reader can read between the lines and see that the Duke's comments have a much more sinister undertone.	Language -Semantic field of light: ('Paper that lets light shine through', 'The sun shines through their borderlines', 'let the daylight break through capitals and monoliths') emphasises that light is central to life, a positive and powerful force that can break through 'tissue' and even monoliths (stone statues)'pages smoothed and stroked and turned': gentle verbs convey how important paper documents such as the Koran are treated with respect'Fine slips [] might fly our lives like paper kites': this simile suggests that we allow ourselves to be controlled by paper.	Form and Structure -The short stanzas create many layers, which is a key theme of the poem (layers of paper and the creation of human life through layers) -The lack of rhythm or rhyme creates an effect of freedom and openness. -All stanzas have four lines, except the final stanza which has one line ('turned into your skin'): this line focuses on humans, and addresses the reader directly to remind us that we are all fragile and temporary. -Enjambment between lines and stanzas creates an effect of freedom and flowing movement.
Extract from The Prelude: Stealing the Boat b	y William Wordsworth	Storm on the Island by Seamus Heaney		London by William Blake	
Power: Power of Nature, Memories Conflict: Content, Meaning and Purpose -The story of the narrator's love of nature and a night-time adventure in a rowing boat that instils a deeper and fearful respect for the power of nature. -At first, the narrator is calm and confident, but the sight of a huge mountain that comes into view scares him and he flees back to the shore. -He is now in awe of the mountain and now fearful of the power of nature which are described as 'huge and mighty forms, that do not live like living men.' -We should respect nature and not take it for granted. Language	Context -Published shortly after his death, The Prelude was a very long poem (14 books) that told the story of William Wordsworth's life. This extract is the first part of a book entitled 'Introduction – Childhood and School-Time'. -Like Percy Shelley, Wordsworth was a romantic poet and so his poetry explores themes of nature, human emotion and how humans are shaped by their interaction with nature. Form and Structure	Power: Power of Nature Conflict: Humans v Nature Content, Meaning and Purpose -The narrator describes how a rural island community prepared for a coming storm, and how they were confident in their preparationsWhen the storm hits, they are shocked by its power: its violent sights and sounds are described, using the metaphor of warThe final line of the poem reveals their fear of nature's power Language -'Nor are there trees which might prove company':	Context -Seamus Heaney was Northern Irish, he died in 2013This poem was published in 1966 at the start of 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland: a period of deep unrest and violence between those who wanted to remain part of the UK and those who wanted to become part of IrelandThe first eight letters of the title spell 'Stormont': this is the name of Northern Ireland's parliament. The poem might be a metaphor for the political storm that was building in the country at the time. Form and Structure -Written in blank verse and with lots of enjambment:	Power: Class, Humans Conflict: Hierarchy Content, Meaning and Purpose -The narrator is describing a walk around London and how he is saddened by the sights and sounds of povertyThe poem also addresses the loss of innocence and the determinism of inequality: how new-born infants are born into povertyThe poem uses rhetoric (persuasive techniques) to convince the reader that the people in power (landowners, Church, Government) are to blame for this inequality. Language	Context -The poem was published in 1794, a time of great poverty in many parts of London. -William Blake was an English poet and artist. Much of his work was influenced by his radical political views: he believed in social and racial equality. -He also questioned the teachings of the Church and the decisions of Government.
-'One summer evening (led by her): 'her' might be nature personified – this shows his love for nature'an act of stealth / And troubled pleasure': confident, but the oxymoron suggests he knows it's wrong; forebodes the troubling events that follow'nothing but the stars and grey sky': emptiness of sky'the horizon's bound, a huge peak, black and huge': the image of the mountain is more shocking (contrast)'Upreared its head' and 'measured motion like a living thing': the mountain is personified as a powerful beast, but calm – contrasts with his own inferior panic'There hung a darkness': lasting effects of mountain.	-First person narrative — creates a sense that it is a personal poem. -The regular rhythm and enjambment add to the effect of natural speech and a personal voice. -The extract can be split into three sections, each with a different tone to reflect his shifting mood: Lines 1-20: (rowing) carefree and confident Lines 21-31: (the mountain appears) dark and fearful Lines 21-31: (the mountain appears) dark and fearful Lines 32-44: (following days) reflective and troubled -Contrasts in tone: "Justily I dipped my oars into the silent lake' versus '1 struck and struck again' and 'with trembling oars I turned'.	He island is a lonely, barren place. -Violent verbs are used to describe the storm: 'pummels', 'exploding', 'spits'. -Semantic field of war: 'Exploding comfortably' (also an oxymoron to contrast fear/safety); 'wind dives and strafes invisibly' (the wind is a fighter plane); 'We are bombarded by the empty air' (under ceaseless attack). -This also reinforces the metaphor of war / troubles. -'spits like a tame cat turned savage': simile compares the nature to an animal that has turned on its owner.	White in trains were and with this or eligibilities. This creates a conversational and anecdotal tone. "We' (first person plural) creates a sense of community, and 'You' (direct address) makes the reader feel immersed in the experience. -The poem can split into three sections: Confidence: "We are prepared:" (ironic) The violence of the storm: "It pummels your house' Fear: "It is a huge nothing that we fear." -There is a turning point (a volta) in Line 14: "But no.". This monosyllabic phrase, and the caesura, reflects the final calm before the storm.	-Sensory language creates an immersive effect: visual imagery ('Marks of weakness, marks of woe') and aural imagery ('cry of every man') -'mind-forged manacles': they are trapped in povertyRhetorical devices to persuade: repetition ('In every'); emotive language ('infant's cry of fear')Criticises the powerful: 'each chartered street' – everything is owned by the rich; 'Every black'ning church appals' - the church is corrupt; 'the hapless soldier's sigh / Runs in blood down palace walls' – soldier's suffer and die due to the decisions of those in power, who themselves live in palaces.	-A dramatic monologue, there is a first-person narrator ('1) who speaks passionately about what he seesSimple ABAB rhyme scheme: reflects the unrelenting misery of the city, and perhaps the rhythm of his feet as he trudges around the cityFirst two stanzas focus on people; third stanza focuses on the institutions he holds responsible; fourth stanza returns to the people – they are the central focus.
Key themes and connections: poems		Language for comparison	Assessment Objectives	Poetic Techniques	
Pride and Power of Man Ozymandias My Last Duchess Kamikaze Bravery Poppies Charge of the Light Brigade Bayonet Charge Reality of Conflict War Photographer Remains	Extract from The Prelude Fear The Emigree Identity Checking Out Me History xposure London Anger	When poems have similarities Similarly, Both poems convey / address Both poets explore / present This idea is also explored in In a similar way, Likewise, When poems have differences Although Whereas Whilst In contrast, Conversely, On the other hand, On the contrary, Unlike	Ensure that your answer covers all of these areas: AO1 Write a response related to the key word in the question. Use comparative language to explore both poems. Use a range of evidence to support your response and to show the meaning of the poems. AO2 Comment on the effect of the language in your evidence, including individual words. Identify any use of poetic techniques and explain their effects. AO3 What might the poet's intentions have been when they wrote the poem? How might a reader interpret the poem Comment on the historical context – when was the poem published and what impact	LANGUAGE Metaphor – comparing one thing to another Simile – comparing two things with 'like' or 'as' Personification – giving human qualities to the non- human Imagery – language that makes us imagine a sight (visual), sound (aural), touch (tactile), smell or taste. Tone – the mood or feeling created in a poem. Pathetic Fallacy – giving emotion to weather in order to create a mood within a text. Irony – language that says one thing but implies the opposite eg. sarcasm. Colloquial Language – informal language, usually creates a conversational tone or authentic voice. Onomatopoeia – language that sounds like its meaning. Alliteration – words that are close together start with the same letter or sound. Sibilance – the repetition of s or sh sounds. Assonance – repetition of similar vowel sounds Consonance – repetition of consonant sounds. Plosives – short burst of sound: t, k, p, d, g, or b sound.	STRUCTURE Stanza – a group of lines in a poem. Repetition – repeated words or phrases Enjambment – a sentence or phrase that runs onto the next line. Caesura – using punctuation to create pauses or stops. Contrast – opposite concepts/feelings in a poem. Juxtaposition – contrasting things placed side by side. Oxymoron – a phrase that contradicts itself. Anaphora – when the first word of a stanza is the same across different stanzas. Epistrophe – when the final word of a stanza is the same across different stanzas. Volta – a turning point in a poem. FORM Speaker – the narrator, or person in the poem. Free verse – poem in iambic pentameter, but with no rhyme. Sonnet – poem of 14 lines with clear rhyme scheme. Rhyming couplet – a pair of rhyming lines next to each other. Meter – arrangement of stressed/unstressed syllables. Monologue – one person speaking for a long time.

1	CRY; BLOOD; SIGH
2	HUGE; TREMBLING; SPARKLING
3	CURIOUS; NERVOUS; NOTHING
4	THEIRS; HONOUR; HERO
5	BLAST; EXPLODING; SPITS
6	NIGHTMARE; GHOST; TEARS
7	STRUCTURE; BUILD; SUN
8	BLIND; BANDAGE; STAR
9	BROTHERS; FATHER; JOURNEY
10	SUNLIGHT; DARK; BRANDED
11	RELEASED; DOVE; PLAYGROUND
12	NUMB; BEWILDERMENT; KING
13	STOOP; BLUSH; TAMING
14	DECAY; STAMPED; LONE
15	DOZEN; LORRY; BLOODY

Which poem has each group of words been taken from, and who is the author of that poem?

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Quiz: Poems with a link to military conflict

- 1. Why might Armitage use colloquial language in Remains?
- 2. What were Wilfred Owen's views on war?
- 3. State what PTSD stands for and name a poem that explores this particular effect of conflict (2)
- 4. Explain, in one sentence, how Tennysson creates a celebratory mood in Charge of the Light Brigade
- 5. In terms of setting, where does War Photographer begin and end?
- Name two poems that show the effect that military conflict can have on families
- 7. Why does Rumens write about a non-specific "City"? (2)
- 8. What point does Hughes make about patriotism in Bayonet Charge?

Quiz: Poems with a link to feelings regarding conflicts

- 1. In one sentence, how does the narrator feel about the power of nature at the end of The Prelude?
- 2. What is the last line of Remains and how can it be explained? (2)
- 3. State and explain an unpleasant scene that the War Photographer remembers (2)
- 4. Which three word phrase sums up the monotony of war in Exposure?
- 5. Each stanza in The Emigree ends with the word 'Sunlight'. What does this show the reader about the narrator's feelings? (2)
- 6. Why does the narrator's mother never speak to her father again in Kamikaze
- 7. State a line that shows the narrator's anger and frustration in My Last Duchess

Quiz: Poems with a link to the power of nature

- 1. Give an example of the weather being personified in Exposure
- 2. Describe the setting of the traveller's tale in Ozymandias
- 3. Storm on the Island is often seen as a metaphor for The Troubles. Which country did this historical event take place in?
- 4. What are the two types of Tissue that Imitiaz Dharker writes about?
- 5. Who might 'her' refer to in the opening line of The Prelude "One summer evening (led by her)"?
- 6. How does Heaney create a conversational tone in Storm on the Island?
- 7. How can Ozymandias be seen as a poem about nature?

Quiz: Poems with a link to the theme of identity

- 1. What is the effect of Agard's use of Caribbean dialect?
- 2. Why does Rumens not write about a specific city in The Emigree?
- 3. How can "I left it as a child", from The Emigree, be seen as ambiguous?
- 4. Which three people recognised Ozymandias as arrogant?
- Explain an example of the narrator of My Last Duchess exerting power over his duchess.

Knowledge Test 1

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- 8. What is enjambment and what is its effect? (2)

Knowledge Test 2

- 1. Who wrote "My Last Duchess"?
- 2. What was the name of the Duke?
- 3. When did William Blake write London?
- 4. Complete the quotation: "In every cry, in every band, the mind-forged
- 5. In what part of England is the Prelude set?
- 6. What type of vehicle does the voice of the Prelude go joyriding in?
- 7. Who wrote the Charge of the Light Brigade?
- 8. Where did the famous Charge take place?
- 9. How many people began the charge?
- 10. How many survived?