

Questions to ask any poem in the conflict anthology...

General Understanding

- What is the subject of the poem?
- Who is speaking in the poem? Is it the poet themselves or a persona?
- What three relevant links can you make to the context of the poem?
- What is the message of the poem?
- What type/s of conflict is presented in the poem?

Quotation Recall

- What three quotations can you remember from the poem?
- Why have you chosen these quotations? What do they help to reveal about the poem?

Exploring language, form and structure

- What form is used in the poem and what effect does it have?
- What tone does the poem have? Does it change at any point? Why? What quotations / evidence do you have to support your ideas?
- What linguistic techniques does the poet use in your three remembered quotations?
- How does the poet use structural techniques in the poem / your remembered quotations to create effects?

Reader Response

- How does the poet want the reader to feel after reading the poem?
- What does the reader learn?
- What can the reader imagine?
- Does the reader feel challenged in any way?
- Does the poem ask the reader to consider something in a different light?

Comparison

- What other poems from the conflict anthology could you compare this poem to?
- Write five 'Both statements' for the poems e.g. '*Both Exposure and The Man He Killed explore the damaging effect of conflict on the individual.*'
- Write an exam style question for the two poems
- Write a 5 minute plan for the three points of comparison you would make for your exam style question