

“Dulce et Decorum Est” by Wilfred Owen (Deconstructed) Poetry Explication 11H

Big Picture

1. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? For example, ABBA CDDC or AABB CCDD, etc.
Line numbers have been provided below.

1	9	17
2	10	18
3	11	19
4	12	20
5	13	21
6	14	22
7		23
8	15	24
	16	25
		26
		27
		28

2. Reading Comprehension: *Summarize* in complete sentences the events that are taking place.
(Do not try to interpret or apply meaning just yet. That part will come later.)

Stanza 1

Stanzas 2 & 3

Stanza 4

3. Tone: What is the overall tone of the poem (complete sentences)?

Little Picture

4. Diction: Define in your own words or with a dictionary the following words (line #s provided):

- shod (6)

- Five-Nines (8)

- floundering (12)

- cud (23)

5. Imagery: Look closely at the first stanza. List 10 words or phrases from lines 1-8 that describe the marching soldiers. Include line numbers.

1.

6.

2.

7.

3.

8.

4.

9.

5.

10.

6. Imagery: Owen describes the effects of gas as drowning (14). In complete sentences, explain why Owens makes this comparison. Length: 1 paragraph

