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General Essay Organizer

Now is the time to turn your initial thoughts about your essay into comprehensive concepts and ideas! Using your *Essay Planner*, complete the following *Essay Organizer*, converting the words and phrases from the Planner into sentence form below.

Audience: _____

Tone: _____

Purpose: _____

Type of Essay: _____

Rough Title of Essay _____

Introduction

Grabber There were about 38 million casualties in World War One: 8.5 million young men were killed and about 21 million were wounded (historylearningsite.co.uk).

Focus Statement Many people took to expressing the horrors they saw on the battlefield through writing, and many famous poets emerged at this time. + Add summary of "Dulce"

Thesis Statement In his poem, "Dulce et Decorum Est", Wilfred Owen exposes the horrors of war through his connotative diction, similes, and vivid imagery.

Body Paragraphs

Topic Sentence #1 "Dulce et Decorum Est" relies heavily on connotative diction to convey the harsh realities experienced by soldiers fighting in the trenches of WW1.

The journeys of the soldiers are described using visual imagery, as "[they] cursed through sludge" (2)
Detail or Example _____

Explanation The word "sludge" connotes a slimy, muddy environment, through which the soldiers had to "curse". These words allow readers to envision the difficulties faced by the soldiers...

Detail or Example Soldiers' actions described as clumsy as they "stumble" (11), "trudge" (4) and "limp"(6)

Explanation These words show clumsiness and difficulty of moving for soldiers, showing how hard it was for them to even walk in the war. Readers visualize...

Detail or Example Gas further emphasises harsh conditions, as it is described as having "misty panes and a thick green light" (13-14)

Explanation "thick" and "misty" connote that the gas permeates everything and obscures the soldiers' vision - impairing their sense and making it hard for them to act.

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Topic Sentence #2 Owen uses similes throughout the poem to compare the soldiers' experiences with more concrete ideas, further emphasizing the harsh nature of war to his readers.

Detail or Example Gas compared to "a green sea" (14)

Explanation _____

Detail or Example "flound'ring like a man in fire or lime" (12)

Explanation _____

Detail or Example "His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin" (20)

Explanation _____

Topic Sentence #3 _____

Detail or Example _____

Explanation _____

Detail or Example _____

Explanation _____

Detail or Example _____

Explanation _____

Conclusion

Modified Focus _____

Modified Thesis _____

Challenge _____

NOTE: Statements are not included in this outline, so make sure you add these in your writing and set up your points/evidence!