You and your group are going to give a presentation to the rest of the class critiquing a war poem of your choice. You must ensure that this presentation is both useful and interesting.

To give your talk successfully you will need to:

- ensure that every person in your group speaks
- ensure that there is a ‘compere/chairperson’ who can lead the discussion, reinterpret points and check audience understanding
- bring out elements that will be interesting for the rest of the class
- include some audience participation so that your talk is not entirely passive. Maybe ask questions, have a game, ask for opinions?
- ensure that your audience learn something from you and gain a real understanding of the poem. How will you check this understanding?

Planning

Use the following prompts to help you plan your presentation:

- What is the poem about? What are the key themes?
- Can you find any examples of poetic techniques which have been used? How do they help to emphasise the meaning?
- Can you describe the structure and the form of the poem? Why have these been used? How do they help to emphasise the meaning of the poem?
- What attitudes are expressed in the poem? How typical of war poetry are these? Can you link this to any of the other poems?
- What else is interesting about the poem? What key things do you think your audience should know?
- How are you going to check that your audience have understood your talk? What elements of audience participation could you include?