

Edexcel GCSE poetry anthology

In the exam, you will have to compare two poems from your anthology. One of the poems will be printed on the exam paper and one you will have to choose to write about.

Below are some exam style questions and some suggestions of what poems could be used in the comparison.

Poem	Possible question	Poems to compare
'The Poison Tree'	Reread 'The Poison Tree'. Choose one other poem from the conflict cluster. Compare how different ideas about anger are presented in the two poems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'The Class Game'
'The Destruction of Sennacherib'	Reread 'The Destruction of Sennacherib'. Choose one other poem from the conflict cluster. Compare how war is depicted in the two poems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'The Man He Killed' 'Exposure' 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' 'War Photographer' 'Poppies' 'What Were They Like?'
Extract from 'The Prelude'	Reread the extract from 'The Prelude'. Choose one other poem from the conflict cluster. Compare the theme of fear in the two poems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' 'Poppies' 'Belfast Confetti'
'The Man He Killed'	Reread 'The Man He Killed'. Choose one other poem from the conflict anthology. Compare the representation of loss in the two poems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Exposure' 'Poppies' 'What Were They Like?' 'Cousin Kate' 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' 'War Photographer'
'Cousin Kate'	Reread 'Cousin Kate'. Choose one other poem from the conflict cluster. Compare how family tensions are presented in the two poems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Catrin' 'Poppies'