Monday 2nd November
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This week in English and our Reading lessons, we are going to focus on poetry.

In English, we are going to study some poetry from WWI.

Why do you think we are looking at these poems this week?



The Soldier - Rupert Brooke

Rupert Brooke was already a famous poet when he enlisted in the Royal Navy weeks before the outbreak of WWI. He died of blood poisoning from a mosquito bite.
He was very handsome and after his death, he became a national symbol of tragic wartime loss.
It's a patriotic poem expressing love for his country.



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What would it be like to leave your home and travel across the waves in a Navy ship?
What would you see?
What would you think?
What would you wonder?
How would you feel?
What would you miss from home?



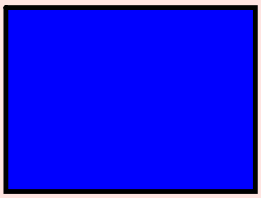
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The Soldier - Rupert Brooke

Vocabulary

concealed
bore
roam
shed
eternal



Work with your partner and use a thesaurus to find the definition of the vocabulary.

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The poem is a Sonnet. It has 14 lines and an ABAB rhyming pattern.

The Soldier by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Read the poem and look for all the mentions the poet makes of England.
What does he tell us he loves about his country?
Do you think the poet will be sad if he dies?
Does he want us to be sad?

Which rhyming words does it use?
Identify the ABAB rhyming pattern.

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The poem uses personification.

What does personification mean?

Personification gives a personal nature or human characteristic to something that is non-human or non-living.

Personification is used in poetry to give greater meaning and description, and it also gives the reader a reference to compare to.

Some examples of personification:

The teapot sang as the water boiled.

The leaves on the ground **danced** in the wind.

The alarm clock yelled at me to get up this morning.

Find examples of how the poem has used personification.

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