

The Soldier

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- Lesson Objectives
 - Students will apply knowledge gained from course presentations to either write a poem or letter describing the experiences of a soldier during WWI.

The Soldier
by Rupert Brook

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.

This video gives insight into a soldier's life in the trenches of WWI.



- Grading Rubric

***Note:** Your grade will be calculated by the sum of the points earned for each question. Points are earned according to the chart below.

To get a 10: A total score of 10.

To get a 9: A total score of 9.

To get an 8: A total score of 8.

To get a 7: A total score of 7.

To get a 6: A total score of 6.

To get a 5: Any score lower than a 6; Plagiarism – purposeful or mistaken, which will lower your final grade for the course (So, be very careful when posting your work!); lack of effort, disrespect, or attitude. Lesson requirements have not been met.

Poem (Total content points possible = 10)	Poem is well written and depicts the life of a soldier in WWI. Poem is a minimum of 36 lines. 10 points	Poem is well written and depicts the life of a soldier in WWI. Poem does not meet the minimum of 36 lines. 5 points	Poem does not clearly depict the life of a soldier in WWI. Poem does not meet the minimum of 36 lines. 0 points
Letter Home (Total content points possible = 10)	Letter is well written and depicts the life of a soldier in WWI. Letter is at least 400 words. 10 points	Letter is well written and depicts the life of a soldier in WWI. Letter does not meet the minimum of 400 words. 5 points	Letter is not clearly written. Letter does not meet the minimum of 400 words. 0 points

- Assignment

Complete one of the following exercises.

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Write a poem (36 lines minimum) or three poems (12 lines each) about life during the war as a soldier. You may include as many of the following topics as you wish (you must include one): hope, despair, justness of the war, the experience of being wounded, death, poison gas, artillery, or machine guns.

OR

Write a 400-word, or more, letter home. You are a soldier: French, British, Russian, German, or Austrian. Describe the conditions you are facing, the feelings you have, and the experiences of serving on the front during the war. (If your letter is too brief or incomplete you will be asked to rewrite it.) Be sure to mention topics such as life in the trenches, machine guns, gas warfare, and going over the top in your letter!

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