

### Questions: Anthem for doomed youth

1. Comment on the irony in the title of the poem.
2. Why are the youth doomed?
3. In line 1, what does the simile suggest about the death of the young soldiers?
4. Identify and discuss of Owen's choice of structure for the poem.
5. In your view what is the most shocking use of imagery in the poem?

### Answers:

1. An anthem is a song of praise or celebration, it is ironic that we are signing a joyous song for youth that has no future.
2. The youth is doomed because they have to go to war where they will die therefore they have no hope of a bright and happy future.
3. In line 1 the soldiers are compared to cattle that are being led to the slaughterhouse. The simile suggests that the soldiers are going into the war to be killed and that they do not have a say. It also suggests the multitude of soldiers that will be killed and that it is unhuman.
4. The structure of this poem is a sonnet. Poems that depict love and loved ones are usually written in sonnets. This poem is not about love or describing love and ones loved one through the use of hyperboles and metaphors. Instead it is a poem that vividly depicts death and war. Therefore the use of the structure is ironic.
5. This is your own opinion. However you need to know that your answer should be elaborate. You can also use the PEEL method to answer this question.
  - Point- which image is the most shocking
  - Explain why
  - Evidence- provide evidence to support your point.
  - Link- link it to the main idea of the poem.