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Literary Response To "Dreamers"

Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967), winner of the Military Cross (awarded for gallantry during active operations against the enemy) was an English poet, writer, and soldier.

Today we will use what we learned about writing an introduction and thesis statement to create a literary response and write a five paragraph essay to answer this guiding question: **How does Sassoon describe the two worlds in his poem "Dreamers?" Compare these two worlds.**

Dreamers

Soldiers are citizens of death's gray land,¹
Drawing no dividend from time's to-morrows.²
In the great hour of destiny they stand,
Each with his feuds, and jealousies, and sorrows.
Soldiers are sworn to action; they must win
Some flaming, fatal climax with their lives.³
Soldiers are dreamers; when the guns begin
They think of firelit homes, clean beds, and wives.
I see them in foul dug-outs,⁴ gnawed by rats,
And in the ruined trenches, lashed with rain,
Dreaming of things they did with balls and bats,⁵
And mocked by hopeless longing to regain
Bank-holidays,⁶ and picture shows,⁷ and spats,⁸
And going to the office in the train.

4...dug-out (line 9):

5...balls and bats (line 11):

6...Bank-holidays (line 13):

Notes

7.picture shows:

1...death's . . . land (line 1): _____

2...Drawing . . . to-morrows (line 2):

8...spats (line 13):

3...Soldiers . . . lives (lines 5-6):
