

English 4
Unit: War and Peace
Section: Imagery
The War Poets Project Worksheet Two

Name _____

Answer the following questions to add to your understanding of “The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner.”

1. What was the poet’s purpose for writing the poem? Is he for or against war? How do you know?

2. What is the strongest image in the poem? Why?

3. What does the image in line 1– “From my mother's sleep I fell into the State” – mean?

4. What allusion is the poet making in the line, “And I hunched in its belly till my wet fur froze”? Is it more than just a reference to the fur-lined flying jackets that bomber crews wore? Why?

5. What tone of voice does the reader in the video use? Do you agree with how he interpreted the poem? Explain.
