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~~Was~~ Wilfred Owen's poetry successfully illustrates controversial ideas about loss. Wilfred Owen's poems of 'Dulce et Decorum Est', 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' and ~~the~~ 'Insensibility' successfully discuss ~~the~~ ^{his} interesting perspective on; Pity of War through loss, ^{wasteful} loss of young lives, and loss of humanity. Owen skillfully conducts his messages through a wide range of techniques and themes.

~~Ideas of loss include the pity of war~~

The pity of war is a theme Owen portrays in his poems due to the wasteful loss of life he had experienced at war. In the poem 'Dulce et Decorum Est' Owen conveys his strong ideas of pity of war and wasteful ~~loss~~ loss of lives.

'Dulce et Decorum Est' the use of sarcasm ^{irony} in the title itself establishes an immediate idea of pity of war from Owen. The title stands for 'its brave and right to die for your country' where ~~the~~ soldiers are being told it is fine to die at war if its for your country, when really its just wasting precious lives. 'Gas! GAS! Quick boys!'

The use of exclamation marks and capitalization illustrates what it was like at the battle front

allowing the audience to see ~~how~~ what conditions and events the soldiers endured. ~~This~~ This also creates a visual image of gas at the battlefield in which this case seems deadly and life threatening, further highlighting the pity of war and wasteful loss of lives. Owen successfully discusses his ideas of pity of war through loss of lives using a wide range of techniques and strong controversial themes.

Wasteful loss of young lives is also another powerful theme Owen conveys in his poems, further emphasising the interesting ideas of loss. In Owen's poem 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' ~~the~~ ^{he} successfully highlights the sensitive topic of the wasteful loss of young lives during the war. "Anthem for Doomed Youth" the title signifies the idea that Owen is trying to convey from the very beginning. 'Doomed' symbolises loss of hope, death, nowhere to go, whereas 'Youth' symbolises a time of upbringing, ~~and~~ enjoyment and delicacy. The use of contrast and juxtaposition demonstrates how Owen's ideas of war is negative and also the hatred he has for youth being sent to war as he believes it's a wasteful loss of life, where instead it should be filled with excitement and possibilities.

"Rapid Rattle" the use of ~~assonance~~ alliteration highlights

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the sounds and conditions ~~as~~ the youth had to experience whilst at war. The sounds also symbolise the guns being shot at the young soldiers, symbolising Owens ideas of loss and wasteful death of youth. "For those who die as cattle", the use of this powerful simile compares the young soldiers to cattle as at war they are all brought to the one place, battlefield, just like cows ~~get~~ ^{in groups} go to the slaughterhouse, and then executed, like ~~as~~ ~~generally~~ ~~do~~ what generally happens to cows. Owens perspective of loss of young lives and interesting ideas of loss were successfully conveyed in his poem through a range of techniques and powerful, ~~frames~~, confronting themes.

Owens interesting ideas of loss include his idea of loss of humanity due to events taken place at war. In the poem 'Insensibility' Owen discusses the ideas of how soldiers eventually ~~lose~~ lose their sense of humanity due to the effects of war. "Insensibility" the title signifies Owens ideas as it means 'loss of humanity and feeling' highlighting that the soldiers at war have become dehumanised because of the experiences they have encountered



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Whilst at war. The repetition and irony of "happy" at the beginning of I, III and IV paragraphs ~~highlight~~ demonstrates the sarcastic Wilfred Owen has for war as he feels that once the humans enter the war as soldiers, they ~~overwhelm~~ are then seen as lost and are never the same again. Owen successfully portrays his idea of loss of humanity through his poem "Insensibility" using a wide range of themes and powerful ideas of loss.

Owens poetry communicates various ideas of loss to convey his ideas of pity of war and loss of ~~innocent~~ ^{wasteful} lives through the poems 'Insensibility', 'Dulce Et decorum Est' and 'Anthem for Doomed Youth' in order to inform and educate the audience about the significant impacts the war can have on humanity.