

Blended Poem

You are going to create a blended poem. To do this, you will use your own thoughts and feelings along with passages from chapter five.

Step 1: Find words, phrases, or sentences from chapter five that are unforgettable to you.

Examples:

- Dead friends
- He'd seen them die
- He could not run away
- Going from body to body in the dark
- The only sound the moaning of the wounded

Your phrases:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Step 2: List three of your hopes or dreams.

Examples:

- I want to live a long life
- I want to make a difference in the world.

Your hopes or dreams:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Step 3: List three of your beliefs or sayings that you agree with:

Examples:

- You can't always get what you want.
- Bad things happen to good people.

Your sayings:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Step 4: List two of your own thoughts about what you have read so far about the Civil War.
Example:

- The Civil War battles were too horrible for words.

Your thoughts:

1. _____

2. _____

Step 5: You are ready to blend!

Blend your hopes/dreams, beliefs/sayings, most difficult times, and thoughts about the Civil War with the words, phrases, and sentences you chose. The poem should not rhyme. Look at the following poem and notice how the author's words, phrases, and sentences are blended with the writer's thoughts, feelings, and sayings.

Voices of the Men

By Gary Paulsen and Mrs. Turicik

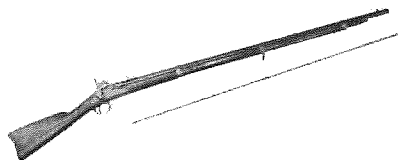
**He'd seen them die,
Bad things happen to good people.**

**The only sound, the moaning of the wounded,
I want to live a long life.**

**Dead friends,
You can't always get what you want.**

**Going from body to body in the dark,
Could not run away.**

**Life isn't fair,
The Civil War battles were too horrible for words.**



Blended Poem Organizer

(Title)

By Gary Paulsen and _____

(Your Name)

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