

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 1277 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Examine Rhetorical Devices** Write *T* or *F* to tell whether each statement is *True* or *False*.

- ____ a. Huxley repeats “ignorance” and “stupidity” to point out that language that seems careless can actually be a clever strategy.
- ____ b. Huxley repeats the word “force” many times to encourage readers to use it when describing wartime experiences.
- ____ c. Huxley repeats the names “Brown, Jones, and Robinson” to show that we dehumanize people when we think of them as a group rather than as individuals.

- 5. Analyze an Argument** Complete these sentences.

Huxley’s main argument in this essay is that _____

I think the strongest support for his argument is _____

- 6. Draw Conclusions about Deductive Reasoning** Paraphrase this quotation.

“If, as so often happens, we choose to give continuity to our experience by means of words which falsify the facts, this is because the falsification is somehow to our advantage as egotists.” (lines 32–35) _____

How does Huxley connect this idea to the subject of war? _____

- 7. Evaluate Essay** Underline one word in parentheses. Then complete this sentence.

I think that Huxley’s argument is (very/somewhat/not) persuasive because _____

- 8. Compare Texts** Choose one of the poems and complete the following sentence.

I think that (“An Irish Airman Foresees His Death,” “The Soldier,” “Dreamers”) best reflects the realities of war as described by Huxley because _____
