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'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke

Summarise what the poem is about in full sentences:

Annotate the poem with points you can remember from your initial study:

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Complete the following questions on context:

- 1) Why is it important to know that Brooke never fought in WW1?
- 2) How does Brooke's patriotism impact this poem?
- 3) How is this shown in the poem?

Complete each analytical verb with a different idea:

Rupert Brooke may have written the poem:

to criticise

to teach

to warn

to reveal the importance of

to celebrate

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Annotate the following quotations by answering the questions for each:

- 1) What does the line mean?
- 2) What does the line suggest?
- 3) How has Brooke used language to present her love for his country?

'If I should die, think only this of me:'

'In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;'

'A body of England's, breathing English air'

'In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.'

How does Brooke present war in the poem?

Answer in full sentences.