



Title A Modern Memoriam

Activity title:	Using the archived memoriams as models to write modern versions.
Curriculum area:	Key Stage Three English
NC objectives:	5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 8.1, 8.4, 10.1
Main learning objective	Understanding rhyme and rhythm

Timing	Lesson plan ideas, activities and resource sheets
INTRODUCTION 15 minutes	Use PowerPoint 8.1a. Display slides 1-3 introducing what memoriams are and possible meanings of examples given.
MAIN ACTIVITY 35 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slide 4-5 Read through example and draw out what the poem is about. Print off Slide 5 as a worksheet to complete tasks. Discuss rhyme scheme and rhythm. Slide 6 - Task to write their own memoriam. Encourage pupils to include rhyme and rhythm. Students could be given resource 8.1b 8.1c 8.1d 8.1e.
PLENARY 10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slide 7 - hear some examples and draw out examples of pupils who have used rhyme and rhythm.

Suggested extension activities or cross curricular links:

- Competition to write a memoriam for a recent school team victory.
- Compare to football or cricket chants, similarly exploring rhyme and rhythm.