

## Core Skills Analysis

### English Literature

- Ebony has learned to analyze classic poetry, focusing on 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' by Alfred Lord Tennyson.
- She has gained an understanding of the poem's themes such as bravery, sacrifice, and the tragedy of war.
- Ebony has explored the rhythmic and stylistic features of the poem, including repetition and meter, to appreciate how they enhance its emotional impact.
- By engaging with the poem online, Ebony likely adapted to digital resources and learned to extract meaning through reading and possibly multimedia annotations.

### History

- Through the poem's context, Ebony has begun to relate poetic literature to historical events—the Crimean War and the famous Light Brigade cavalry charge.
- She has learned about the concept of heroism and military tactics used in 19th-century warfare indirectly via poetry.
- Ebony may have developed an awareness of how historical events can be interpreted and memorialized artistically.
- The activity likely introduced her to the connection between literature and its cultural-historical background.

### Tips

To deepen Ebony's understanding, consider extending her learning by exploring other war poems to compare perspectives and emotional tones, such as World War I poetry by Wilfred Owen or Siegfried Sassoon. Encourage her to research the actual historical event through documentaries or primary sources to distinguish fact from poetic interpretation. Creative activities like writing her own poem about a contemporary hero or creating a multimedia presentation on the poem's themes can help solidify her engagement. Additionally, discussing how poetry can shape public memory and influence perceptions of history can foster critical thinking about literature's role in society.

### Book Recommendations

- [War Horse](#) by Michael Morpurgo: A moving historical novel that brings the realities of war to life through the perspective of a horse, suitable for understanding war's impact beyond human experience.
- [The Charge of the Light Brigade: A History of the Crimean War Cavalry Charge](#) by R. H. Vickers: An accessible historical account that gives context to the infamous charge, ideal for students seeking deeper historical knowledge.
- [Poems of the Great War](#) by Various Authors: A collection of poignant poetry covering different conflicts, showing the evolution of war poetry from the 19th century onward.

### Learning Standards

- English Literature KS3 - Understand and explore a range of poetry, including narrative and descriptive, recognizing poetic techniques (Ref: English Po3).
- History KS3 - Understand significant events in British history including the 19th-century warfare and the Crimean War (Ref: History 2B).
- Speaking and Listening KS3 - Discuss and evaluate texts to develop comprehension and critical thinking about historic and literary themes (Ref: English Sp4).

### **Try This Next**

- Create a worksheet analyzing the poem's use of repetition and rhythm — identify examples and explain their effect.
- Write a short modern poem inspired by a personal act of courage, reflecting themes from 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'.