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## TYPES OF TRAUMA IN TRENCH POETRY: TO ARTICULATE INARTICULABLE

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Trauma, a word once used exclusively by clinicians and mental health experts, has entered into mainstream vocabulary nowadays.

To begin, it is important to clarify a few key concepts. What do trauma and trench poetry refer to, and how are they interconnected?

According to Webster's Dictionary, "trauma" (noun) has several meanings: 1: a: an injury (such as a wound) to living tissue caused by an extrinsic agent; b: a disordered psychic or behavioural state resulting from severe mental or emotional stress or physical injury; c: an emotional upset; 2: an agent, force, or mechanism that causes trauma.

The meaning of "trauma" in the Cambridge Dictionary is the following: "severe and lasting emotional shock and pain caused by an extremely upsetting experience or a case of such shock happening".

In its turn, the term 'trench poetry' refers to poetry written by British soldiers who took part in the First World War and directly experienced the conditions of life on the frontline, particularly in the trenches. Although no

but the grim reality of war. The phrase "crumbles away" shows an unstoppable decay, both in the physical world and the soldiers' sense of stability.

Social Systemic Errors. Poets often criticize the systemic failures and social structures that led to the war. Using irony and criticism, they highlight the failures of leadership and society. In Sassoon's The General, he writes: "But he did for them both by his plan of attack." The sarcastic tone criticizes the failure of military leaders.

Value Shifting. War breaks down established moral and cultural values. Words describing disillusionment and irony are often used to verbalise this kind of trauma. In Owen's Dulce et Decorum Est the author challenges war propaganda with the powerful declaration: "The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est / Pro patria mori." revealing the lies spread by social systems that glorified war.

In conclusion, the verbalization of trauma in trench poetry attempts to articulate the inarticulable, giving voice to experiences that are often almost impossible to put into words. Basic semantic features, such as vivid descriptions and raw emotions, focus on the immediate realities of war, articulating the physical, emotional, and mental aspects of trauma. Dominant features, on the other hand, explore broader issues, like systemic failures, shared grief, and collective trauma.

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### THE TITLE AS ART: AMBIGUITY AND MEANING IN 'THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN'

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'The Art of Racing in the Rain' is a 2008 novel written by bestselling author Garth Stein. The novel has been adapted into a film starring the award-