

Selection 2

This is a stanza from a famous poem called “Dover Beach” by the English poet Matthew Arnold. In it he tells his love they must stand together to make it through life.

Ah, love, let us be true
 To one another! For the world, which seems
 To lie before us like a land of dreams,
 So various, so beautiful, so new,
 Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
 Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain:
 And we are here as on a darkling plain
 Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
 Where ignorant armies clash by night.

- 3. The metaphor of the war emphasizes which idea?**
- A** that life is very enjoyable
 - B** that life is not as perfect as we wish
 - C** that life is very short
 - D** that life isn't as hard as it may seem at times
- 4. What effect does the poet create by using words like “land of dreams” and “confused alarms”?**
- A** The poet makes us feel angry.
 - B** The poet makes us less worried about life.
 - C** The poet makes us confused.
 - D** The poet contrasts what we would like life to be and reality.