Practice in-class essay:

Compare the two war poems,  “Anthem for Doomed Youth” (1920) by Wilfred Owen and “next to of course god america i” (1926) by e.e. cummings.   (p. 238 and p. 241)

Write an essay comparing the two, showing how the different techniques each poet uses create a similar message.

Use these questions as study guides (**you will not use all your points in the essay**, but they will help you understand the poems):

Can they both be deemed anti-war poems?

What do the titles suggest?

What is the specific theme of each poem?

What poetic form is used for each poem?  how does that affect our reading?

What poetic techniques are used in each to create the theme?

Which poem is more powerful?  why?

How are the poems similar?  how are they different?

Does it matter that Owen was English and cummings American?

Consider what thesis you will argue and which lines and details you might use to argue your case.