Poppies

Conflict
- grief
- loss
- impact of conflict

Dramatic Monologue
- emphasise the pain caused for the mother which is often ignored
- emphasises how the son isn't there
- written in free verse
- different stanza length
- chaotic structure which represents chaotic impact of conflict

Caesura and Enjambment
- breaking structure represents the mother's breaking heart
- breaking of emotions
- "all my words feel flattened, rolled and turned in felt" enjambment shows how she does not know what to say - she's tongue tied

Language
- we use a semantic field of suffering
- overwhelming fears of dread
- "spasms of paper red, disrupting a brocade of yellow bias" war imagery, reflects how mother is seeing suffering in everything
- conflict overpowers mother
- "sellotape bandaged around my hand" bandaged related to suffering

Key Quotes:
- "released a song bird from its cage" metaphor represents her son
- "your playground voice, catching in the wind" only sound she can hear. Contrast. Image of something passing

Poems it links well with:
- war photographer
- suffering
- Remains
- psychological impacts
- kamikaze