

Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

For the Union Dead **Robert Lowell**

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What Have We Gained?

At many points in history, people have viewed war as being glorious and heroic. Given the consequences of warfare, however, it is only natural to ask what good has emerged from the repeated patterns of victory and defeat. What kind of world has been created, and what has been lost—globally and individually? As you read the poem, note in the chart below the personal losses and the historical and social losses that the speaker describes.

Personal Losses	Historical and Social Losses

After You Read

1. How would you summarize the speaker's view of history and progress?

2. How would the speaker answer the question, "What have we gained from war?"
