



Purpose: To make the reader feel part of the battle

Key features

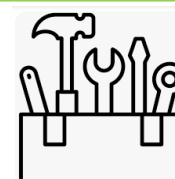


Structural:

- Paragraph 1: preparing for battle
- Paragraph 2: the battle scene
- Paragraph 3: after the battle scene

Language:

- Dramatic verbs to show action: explosion, shook the world, blast, cried in dismay
- Exclamation sentences: What a terrific attack!



Writer's toolbox

Direct speech:

To show what the character said
Example: "We will blast this creature off the face of the earth!" the sergeant shouted to his regiment.

Alan Peat:

'verb person' sentences
Example: Roaring, the soldiers charged at the monster.

Punctuation:

Remember to use capital letters and full stops accurately
Remember to use commas in a list

Vocabulary:

Declare war	Combined operation
Projectiles	Missiles
Explosions	Drifted
Cried in dismay	

Recommended reads



Battle scene: extract from 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

The people of the world decided they would not feed this space-bat-angel-dragon or whatever it was—they would fight it. They would declare war on it, and all get together to blast it off the face of the earth. And so it was that all the peoples of earth declared war on the monster, and sent out their armed forces in a grand combined operation.

What a terrific attack! Rockets, projectiles of all sorts, missiles and bombs, shells and flame-throwers—everything was tried. The smoke of the explosions drifted out over the Pacific like a black, crawling continent. The noise of the battle shook the world almost as much as the landing of the dragon had done, and for much longer.

Then the noise died down and the smoke cleared. And the peoples of the world cried in dismay. The dragon was actually smiling. Smiling! Aircraft flying daringly near photographed the vast face smiling and the picture was in all the papers. It was smiling as if it had been well tickled.

