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**Directions:** You have now completed a close-reading of “I Miss Iraq. I Miss my Gun. I Miss My War.” You have filled in a graphic organizer on literary elements and tone, and have created a visual mini-poster to convey what war is like. **On a separate, lined sheet of paper you need to craft a thoughtful paragraph explaining your simile and supporting your statement with evidence and details from the article. (Use the quotes from your mini-poster in your paragraphs!) Follow the CEDA/EDA/I format to complete your response.**

"I Miss Iraq. I Miss My Gun. I Miss My War."  
**CEDA EDA I Organizer**

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**Claim:** State your simile (1 sentence)

**Evidence 1:** Put an example from the text in your own words. (1-2 sentences)

**Details:** Provide a quote from the text that proves this simile to be true. (2-4 sentences)

**Analysis:** Explain why this quote/example can relate to your simile. (1-2 sentences)

**Evidence 2:** Put another example from the text in your own words. (1-2 sentences)

**Details:** Provide another quote from the text that proves your simile to be true.(2-4 sentences)

**Analysis:** Explain why this quote/example can relate to your simile. (1-2 sentences)

**Interpretation:** State how war can be compared to your simile... (1-2 sentences)  
*Therefore, Clearly, As a result...*

**Claim:** State your simile (1 sentence)

War is like a fun house mirror.

**Evidence 1:** Put an example from the text in your own words. (1-2 sentences)

In his article "I Miss Iraq. I Miss My Gun. I Miss My War," author Brian Mockenhaupt writes that war can have many different effects on a person and can change a person's point of view on life.

**Details:** Provide a quote from the text that proves this simile to be true. (2-4 sentences)

He states that "war twists and shapes landmarks by which we navigate our lives..." In other words, war makes us re-evaluate what we find to be most important in life. Due to this, after being in war, men and women have a different outlook on life.

**Analysis:** Explain why this quote/example can relate to your simile. (1-2 sentences)

A fun house mirror warps and distorts our perceptions of reality, much like war does for a soldier.

**Evidence 2:** Put another example from the text in your own words. (1-2 sentences)

Another example of how war can be like a fun house mirror comes later in the text, when he writes about the paradoxical nature of war.

**Details:** Provide another quote from the text that proves your simile to be true.(2-4 sentences)

Mockenhaupt also writes that war makes "...everything seem all wrong and just right, in a way that makes perfect sense." This again proves the simile, because a fun house mirror reflects who you are, and even though it is twisted, it still makes sense to the viewer.

**Analysis:** Explain why this quote/example can relate to your simile. (1-2 sentences)

In other words, even though war can cause physical and mental damage, a soldier can still find a positive meaning for his or her life after returning home. Similar to a fun house mirror, a person's image might be marred by experiences, but still needs to return to the reality of every day life.

**Interpretation:** State how war can be compared to your simile... (1-2 sentences)

*Therefore. Clearly, As a result...*

Clearly, the author's depiction of war can be compared to the experience of seeing oneself in a fun house mirror.