



Reading Purpose: To examine how an author uses visual details to describe the Civil War.

A question I have about the text:

What did Whitman think of the conditions in the "camp hospitals?"

SEARCHING FOR DETAILS

I read the text closely and mark words and phrases that help me answer my question.

SELECTING DETAILS

I select words or phrases from my search that I think are the **most important** for answering my question.

Detail 1 (Ref.: lines 11-13)

"everything impromptu, no system, all bad enough, but I have no doubt the best that can be done; all the wounds pretty bad, some frightful, the men in their old clothes, unclean and bloody. "

Detail 2 (Ref.: lines 21-22)

"Few at home realize that these are merely tents, and sometimes very poor ones, the wounded lying on the ground."

Detail 3 (Ref.: lines 32-33)

"As to rations, the army here at present seems to be tolerably well supplied, and the men have enough, such as it is"

ANALYZING DETAILS

I re-read parts of the text and **think about the meaning of the details** and what they tell me about my question.

What I think about detail 1:

hospital is unorganized, men seriously hurt, but people are doing their best

What I think about detail 2:

"Merely tents" and "wounded lying on the ground" suggest that the camp hospitals are much more basic than usual hospitals.

What I think about detail 3:

People have enough to eat despite the harsh conditions.

CONNECTING DETAILS

I compare the details and explain the **connections** I see among them.

How I connect the details:

Whitman thinks the hospitals are unorganized, and the men are seriously wounded and have no bedding, but he also believes that the army is doing the best it can and gives the men enough to eat.