

Name Model

Text A Brief History of Wolves in the United States

Reading Purpose: To analyze details that help me understand wolves

A question I have about the text:

How do details in paragraphs 1 and 2 describe why early North American cultures "revered the wolf and its role in nature?"

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 9-11)

"Many indigenous groups relied on hunting as their major source of food and goods and were keenly attuned to their environment."

Detail 2 (Ref.: lines 5-6)

"Wolf kills provided a source of food for numerous other species such as bears, foxes, eagles and ravens."

Detail 3 (Ref.: lines 3, 4, 7)

Wolves killed "the sick, the weak and the old" of "deer, elk and beaver"
"leaving the fittest to survive and reproduce"
"preventing overgrazing and soil erosion"

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:

These people understood how the environment worked because they relied on it for their survival.

What I think about detail 2:

Leftover meat from wolf kills fed lots of other important animals.

What I think about detail 3:

Wolves killed the weak animals, helping others survive and helping the soil because not too many animals were eating the grass.

CONNECTING DETAILS

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

How I connect the details:

These North American cultures "revered" wolves because they understood how the environment worked because they needed it. So they understood the role wolves played in keeping it working through all the benefits of their hunting.