



APPROACHING THE TEXT		What are my reading purposes? To examine how an author uses visual details to describe the Civil War	
Before reading, I consider what my specific purposes for reading are.			
I also take note of key information about the text.	Title: The Wound Dresser: A Series of Letters from the Hospitals in Washington during the War of the Rebellion	Author: Walt Whitman	Source/Publisher: Small, Maynard & Company
		Text Type: Letter/Journal	Publication Date: 1898
		What do I already understand about the text based on this information? These are letters written in Civil War hospitals by a famous American author.	



QUESTIONING THE TEXT		Guiding questions for <i>my first reading</i> of the text:	
As I read the text for the first time, I use guiding questions that relate to my reading purpose and focus. (Can be taken from the Guiding Questions handout).	What details stand out to me as I read?		
	What is the author thinking and saying about the topic or theme?		
AS I READ I MARK DETAILS ON THE TEXT THAT RELATE TO MY GUIDING QUESTIONS.			
As I re-read, I use questions I have about specific details that have emerged in my reading to focus my analysis and deepen my understanding.	Text-specific questions to help focus <i>my re-reading</i> of the text:		
	What did Whitman think of the conditions in the "camp hospitals?"		