



**Reading Purpose:** To analyze details that will help me understand an author's perspective

**A question I have about the text:**

In what ways is the phrase "swine and saints" an insight into Frankl's view of human 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 7-8 )**

"...on the contrary, people became more different; people unmasked themselves, both the swine and the saints"

**Detail 2 (Ref.: lines 12-13 )**

"(but everything great is just as difficult to realize as it is rare to find)"

**Detail 3 (Ref.: lines 15-17 )**

"I see therein the challenge to join the minority. For the world is in a bad state, but everything will become still worse unless each of us does his best."

#### 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:**

Frankl sorts humanity into two distinct groups of people; two opposite human natures.

**What I think about detail 2:**

The fact that saints are rare means that they are great and also means that we might not always know how to recognize them.

**What I think about detail 3:**

The world makes it hard to be a "saint," but it will worsen if we do not strive to join the "minority" by doing our best.

#### CONNECTING DETAILS

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

**How I connect the details:**

Although Frankl believes in two different human natures, he does not believe those categories are static or final. The path from "swine" to "saint" requires not only that we do our best, but that we also look for the best in others.