



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



<b>QUESTIONING THE TEXT</b>		<b>Guiding questions for my first reading of the text:</b>	
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?	
<b>AS I READ I MARK DETAILS ON THE TEXT THAT RELATE TO MY GUIDING QUESTIONS.</b>			
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.		<b>Text-specific questions to help focus my re-reading of the text:</b>	
		What did Whitman think of the conditions in the "camp hospitals?"	