**APPRAOCHING 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 my first reading of the text:

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 my re-reading of the text:

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