

Part One: Follow the directions below before for "Song of Myself 33", then use the prompts to direct your analysis.

Title: before reading

1. The title makes me think/ feel

Paraphrase: Literal Meaning

2. Read the poem.

What is the poem about on a literal level?

Author's style

3. **Parallel structure:**

a) copy an example of parallel structure and b) explain the purpose of its use.

a) _____

b) _____

Characters

4. There are 7 main characters in the poem. Identify them below and describe them

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

g) _____

Speaker

5. Who is the speaker and what point of view is the speaker talking in?

6. Use textual evidence to support your answer

Sounds Ornaments

8. Identify the onomatopoeia in lines 16-30:

9. Identify examples of assonance and alliteration:

Assonance _____

Alliteration _____

Figurative Language

10. Identify an example of imagery and explain what five sense does it appeal to:

Figurative Language

11. **Figures of speech:** words and phrases that describe one thing in terms of another (simile, metaphor, hyperbole, irony, personification). Identify and explain how the comparison works.

Authors Style

12. Repetition: How does Whitman use repetition on lines 39-41 to enhance the scene?

Reading Comprehension

13. What does the speaker admire about the "disdan and calmness of martyrs"? Use textual evidence to explain how Whitman dramatizes those qualities.

Comparing and contrasting

14. Which other character in this poem does the general in lines 48-49 more resemble and why?

Which does he least resemble and Why?

Attitude: Mood (setting, plot, character development influence mood)

15. The mood of the poem is _____ because _____

This is shown through the following lines (copy a quote):

16. The tone of the poem is _____ because _____

This is shown through the following lines (copy a quote):

Theme: Central Idea or Insight About Life

17. List motifs (topics) the poem discusses:

18. Theme: In one sentence, what is the poem stating about the human experience or the human condition?
