

Walt Whitman Webquest Worksheet

1. What types of professions would be celebrated in a modern poetic tribute to Americans?
2. What words and phrases indicate Whitman's empathy with heroic people?
3. If you could choose a modern American hero to add to Whitman's poem, "I Hear America Singing," Who would you choose and why?
4. What do you believe is Whitman's concept of heroism?
5. Throughout "Song of Myself," Whitman uses the pronoun "I" in order to empathize with people. What effect does this use of the first person have on the reader?
6. How would Whitman celebrate the cultural diversity found in America today?
7. What landscapes do you feel Whitman would praise today?
8. What sound devices would be reminiscent of Whitman's style to describe these landscapes?
9. Do you think Whitman would sing the praises of technology? Explain.