Walt Whitman

Leaves of Grass

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1a. **What subject does Whitman address in the first paragraph?** In the first paragraph, the subject Whitman addresses is that America is evolving as a country. That America is not going to repeat any mistakes.

1b. **What does Whitman mean when he says, “the corpse slowly borne from the eating and sleeping rooms of the house.”** Whitman’s statement in the epic is a metaphor to dying in your own house and then being carried away to a burial site. This represents a new life for America and shows that America is not repelling the past.

2a. **According to Whitman, what makes America different from all other nations?** The fact that America is very diverse and full of nature. America has many differently ethnic people with many different professions and skills.

2b. **What is the meaning of Whitman’s notion that the United States is a “a teeming nation of nations”** The meaning of Whitman’s notion that the United States is a teeming nation of nations is how there are many people from different nations living in America.

3a. **According to Whitman, what is the greatest of all poems?** According to Whitman, America is the greatest of all poems.

3b. **Based on this statement, how is Whitman redefining the idea of a poem?** Based on this statement, Whitman redefining the idea of a poem by expressing that it could be something other than writing.