

Name Model Text Hellen Keller: The Story of My Life

Reading Purpose: To examine how an author uses details to describe her life.

A question I have about the text:

What does Keller think of her relationship with her teacher?

SEARCHING FOR DETAILS

I read the text closely and mark words and phrases that help me answer my question.

SELECTING DETAILS

I select words or phrases from my search that I think are the most important for answering my question.

Detail 1 (Ref.: lines 2,6,7)

"unfolded and developed"
"my teacher's genius"
"she seized the right moment"

Detail 2 (Ref.: lines 2-3)

"When she came, everything
about me breathed of love and
joy"

Detail 3 (Ref.: line 20)

"I scarcely think of myself
apart from her."

ANALYZING DETAILS

I re-read parts of the text and think about the meaning of the details and what they tell me about my question.

What I think about detail 1:

Keller's teacher knew just
what to do to help her learn.

What I think about detail 2:

Keller's teacher made her feel
alive and happy.

What I think about detail 3:

Keller was very intimate with
her teacher.

CONNECTING DETAILS

I compare the details and explain the connections I see among them.

How I connect the details:

Because her teacher was so good at helping her and made her feel so happy and alive, Keller became so intimate with her that she could not think of herself without her teacher.