



Reading Purpose: To analyze details about Scott's impressions of the expedition.

A question I have about the text:

How does Scott contrast the general experience of the "marching column" with the "blizzard" and "crevasse"?

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.: line 29)

"vast silence broken only by the mellow sounds of the marching column"

Detail 2 (Ref.: 10, 13, 14, 15)

"crunch of footsteps"
"swish of the following sledge"
"droning conversation of the march"
"patter of dog pads"

Detail 3 (Ref.: lines 17, 28-29)

BLIZZARD: "deep booming sound under the full force of a blizzard"
CREVASSE: "till man or beast is floundering, clawing and struggling for foothold on the brink"

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:

Scott describes the great white desert as a peaceful, quiet place.

What I think about detail 2:

All these sounds of the explorers are "mellow," quiet, and peaceful.

What I think about detail 3:

The blizzard and crevasse are very loud and dangerous.

CONNECTING DETAILS

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

How I connect the details:

Scott describes their place and expedition as calm, quiet, and peaceful. The noise and danger of the blizzard and crevasse are a sharp contrast to how the expedition normally is.