

## Close Reading Paper #2 Assignment

*Choose one of the four passages below from the 1855 edition of Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass. Read the passage very closely and connect it to the poem as a whole.*

*Two pages, double-spaced, paginated. At the top of the first page, place your original title and name. This assignment does not call for a Works Cited page.*



The atmosphere is not a perfume . . . it has no taste of the distillation . . . it is odorless,  
It is for my mouth forever . . . I am in love with it,  
I will go to the bank by the wood and become undisguised and naked,  
I am mad for it to be in contact with me. ("Song of Myself" ll. 9-12)



I bequeath myself to the dirt to grow from the grass I love,  
If you want me again look for me under your bootsoles. ("Song of Myself" ll. 1329-30)



There is something that comes home to one now and perpetually,  
It is not what is printed or preached or discussed . . . it eludes discussion and print,  
It is not to be put in a book . . . it is not in this book ("Song of Occupations" ll. 48-50).



These became part of that child who went forth every day, and who now goes and will always  
go forth every day,  
And these become of him or her that peruses them now. ("There Was A Child Went Forth" ll.  
31-32)