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**Student notes for:** Hospital Sketches, Chapter III: A Day

**Day: 4**

1. Reread the interaction with Josephine Skinner's soldier (p. 6). What does the nurse's response convey about the significance of physical wounds? What message does Alcott send to her readers by choosing to use the phrase "all women" in her response?
2. Reread the description of the dying soldier (p. 12). What aspects of his death does Alcott emphasize? Use specific lines from the text to support your answer.
3. In what ways does the nurse experience physical and emotional hardship during her day? Find specific examples of both in the text.
4. Compare the frequency and explicitness of male hardship to female hardships in the text. Based on what you've seen from this text so far, why might Alcott have chosen to emphasize one and deemphasize the other?
5. Overall, what does Alcott want readers to know, feel, or do after reading this account? How do you know? Note: there are multiple answers to this question. Think about both the theme of gender and the theme of service.

