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Student notes for: “A Night Battle, over a Week Since”

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1. In the conclusion, Whitman uses the word “purports” at the end of the first sentence. What does this mean? What is the impact of this word?

2. Reread the first rhetorical question presented at the beginning of the final paragraph. How does it support Whitman’s point of view?

3. In the final paragraph, Whitman uses juxtaposition, two things placed close together with contrasting effect. What topics does Whitman juxtapose? How does he accomplish this?

4. Based on the final paragraph, what is the central idea of the text?

5. How does Whitman refine his opinion of the war in the final paragraph?

