

AP PACKET: RHETORICAL ANALYSIS

EXCERPT FROM HOSPITAL SKETCHES BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

1. Directions: Annotate the following items in the passage:

- Author's Purpose
- Rhetorical devices
- Rhetorical Appeals

2. What is the assumed occasion / context of the passage?

3. What is the author's intended effect on the reader?

How does Alcott use the following devices to re-create her experience as a nurse during the Civil War?
Provide textual evidence for each.

4. Pacing / Order / Organization

5. Syntax / Sentence Lengths

6. Diction

7. Imagery

8. Detail

9. Tone

10. Write an opening paragraph that sets the subject and tone of your essay. Be sure to cite the author and title and identify the author's intended effect on the reader.