1. Describe the work of the man in this field.
2. Explain how Homer divided the scene in this painting.
3. Of what war was this man a veteran? How does Homer show us this?
4. What might laying aside his uniform represent?
5. Why is this a new field for him?
6. If this man had been in a grain field the previous year, what would he probably have been doing?
7. What subjects had Winslow Homer been sketching for the past few years?
8. What does a figure carrying a scythe usually symbolize?
9. Whose deaths might Homer be alluding to?
10. Because a seemingly dead seed buried in the ground rises as a new plant, grain can be a symbol of rebirth or new beginnings. What might this suggest about the country after the Civil War?

Writing Assignment: Take a few minutes to review Homer’s other works at <https://www.winslow-homer.com/> and describe three of his works. Do you like his style as a painter? Explain.