

Questions on I celebrate myself, and sing myself by Walt Whitman:

1. The speaker is portrayed as leaning, loafing at his “ease,” and observing “a spear of summer grass.” If the speaker is the author of a new American poetry, what American qualities are suggested in this description?
2. What does the speaker mean when he says he “now thirty-seven years old in perfect health [begins]”? What is he beginning?
3. What characteristics - of the speaker, his poetry and things American - are revealed in the final stanza?