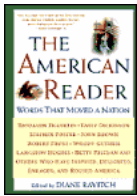


**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Language and Composition  
Summer Reading 2021  
Close and Crowder**

*Welcome to AP Language and Composition!*

We are looking forward to an exciting year when we will study about the art of writing and the world of literature. You should purchase *The American Reader* and read the assigned selections.



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Read the following selections from *The American Reader*:

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| 1)  | p. 12  | Ben Franklin           | “List of Virtues”                               |
| 2)  | p. 58  | Crevecoeur             | “Letters from An American Farmer”               |
| 3)  | p. 90  | Francis Wright         | “The Meaning of Patriotism in America”          |
| 4)  | p. 106 | Ralph Waldo Emerson    | “Self-Reliance”                                 |
| 5)  | p. 159 | Sojourner Truth        | “Address to the Ohio Women’s Rights Convention” |
| 6)  | p. 202 | Frederick Douglass     | “Independence Day Speech at Rochester”          |
| 7)  | p. 265 | Walt Whitman           | “I Hear America Singing”                        |
| 8)  | p. 301 | Emma Lazarus           | “The New Colossus”                              |
| 9)  | p. 329 | John Hope              | “Reply to Booker Washington”                    |
| 10) | p. 347 | Elizabeth Cady Stanton | “The Solitude of Self”                          |
| 11) | p. 360 | M. Carey Thomas        | “Should Higher Education for Women Differ”      |
| 12) | p. 373 | W.E.B DuBois           | “The Talented Tenth”                            |
| 13) | p. 449 | Langston Hughes        | “I, Too”  |
| 14) | p. 488 | Franklin D. Roosevelt  | “The Four Freedoms”                             |
| 15) | p. 530 | Langston Hughes        | “Refugee in America and Harlem”                 |
| 16) | p. 553 | Pete Seeger            | “Where Have All the Flowers Gone”               |
| 17) | p. 565 | Rachel Carson          | “Silent Spring”                                 |
| 18) | p. 589 | Betty Friedan          | “The Feminine Mystique”                         |
| 19) | p. 592 | Malvina Reynolds       | “Little Boxes”                                  |
| 20) | p. 610 | Theodore H. White      | “The American Idea”                             |

**\*Be ready for an in-depth multiple choice quiz for *The American Reader*.**

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Happy Reading!

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