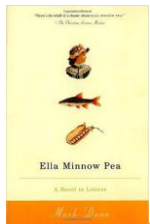


**11th Grade Advanced Placement Language and Composition
Summer Reading 2019
Close and Crowder**

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 both books. **Read *Ella Minnow Pea* and the assigned excerpts from *The American Reader*.**



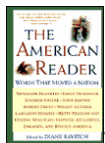
Ella Minnow Pea/ By Mark Dunn. ISBN# 978-0385722438

***Read this book.**

Ella Minnow Pea is a girl living happily on the fictional island of Nollop off the coast of South Carolina. Nollop was named after Nevin Nollop, author of the immortal phrase containing all the letters of the alphabet, “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.”

Now Ella finds herself acting to save her friends, family, and fellow citizens from the encroaching totalitarianism of the island’s Council, which has banned the use of certain letters of the alphabet as they fall from a memorial statue of Nevin Nollop. As the letters progressively drop from the statue they also disappear from the novel. The result is both a hilarious and moving story of one girl’s fight for freedom of expression, as well as a linguistic tour de force sure to delight word lovers everywhere.

-from *Amazon.com*



The American Reader Words That Moved a Nation / Edited by Diane Ravitch / ISBN# 0062737333

Read the selections listed for this book.

The American Reader is a stirring and memorable anthology that captures the many facets of American culture and history in prose and verse. The 200 poems, speeches, songs, essays, letters, and documents were chosen both for their readability and for their significance. These are the words that have inspired, enraged, delighted, chastened, and comforted Americans in days gone by. Gathered are the writings that illuminate -- with wit, eloquence, and sometimes sharp words -- significant aspects of national consciousness. They reflect the part that all Americans -- black and white, native born and immigrant, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American, poor and wealthy -- have played in creating the nation's character.

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You will need to read and study all of the selections listed on the second page of this document in preparation for the first week of school.

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Read the following selections from *The American Reader*:

- 1) p. 12 Ben Franklin “List of Virtues”
- 2) p. 58 Crèvecoeur “Letters from An American Farmer”

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| 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 assessments and assignments based on *Ella Minnow Pea* and an in-depth multiple choice quiz for *The American Reader*.**

If you have any questions, you may contact us at close.nancy@mail.fcboe.org or crowder.lela@mail.fcboe.org

Please remember that we are enjoying summer with our friends and families, so we may not answer your emails immediately.
Happy Reading!

Mrs. Close and Dr. Crowder