English 10h purple Amended Syllabus One

Mr. McCullough 9/16 - 9/30 (Remote)

“Look at your fish.”

Louis Agassiz

9/16 10:20-10:40 Welcome to English 10h.

9/17 12:45-1:20 Today we’ll go over the nuts and bolts of the course. (We will proceed this year with optimistic pragmatism, prepared to be flexible as circumstance requires and confident in the strength and elasticity of the program and our ability to handle whatever comes our way.)

Please complete the questionnaire and submit it to me as an attachment to an email by 10:00 this evening.

9/18 12:45-1:20 Today we’ll chat about your responses to the questionnaire and start getting to know one another.

9/23 10:20-10:40 Today the hammer falls: you’ll be writing about the summer reading.

9/24 11:45-1:00 For today, read Robert Frost’s poem “The Pasture.”

In class we’ll learn about Professor Agassiz and the fish, and discuss “The Pasture.”

9/25 11:45-1:00 Read Jane Kenyon’s poem “Otherwise” and Richard Wilbur’s “Hamlen

Brook.”

DE1: (discourse) Explain how “Hamlen Brook” could be read as a response to “Otherwise,” or “Otherwise” to “Hamlen Brook.” As ever, be specific, and support your claims with evidence from the text. Submit this as an attachment to an email to me by 10:45 this morning.

9/30 10:20-10:40 Read David Foster Wallace’s 2005 commencement speech at Kenyon

College called “This Is Water.” Choose three of his most important points

and the passages in which they are most vivid, then be prepared to explain and discuss your choices.