English 12acp red Amended Syllabus One

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

“Look at your fish.”

Louis Agassiz

9/16 9:55-10:15 Welcome to English 12acp.

9/17 12:05-12:40 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 12:05-12:40 Today we’ll chat about your responses to the questionnaire and start getting to know one another.

9/23 9:55-10:15 Today the hammer falls: you’ll be writing about the summer reading.

9/24 9:30-10:45 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 9:30-10:45 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 9:55-10:15 Complete the worksheet about character. Have it with you for our

discussion. With an eye on the months to come, today we’ll see if we can figure out what it means to be a good person and why and how the concept will guide our efforts together this year.