

Objectives: This Advanced Placement course expects a base-line sophistication with English language usage. So, the overall goal of AP summer reading is to improve vocabulary and comprehension. The Grouchy Grammarian will provide insights into common errors people make with language and The Devil in the White City will challenge students with a complex, historical non-fiction narrative that contains a variety of plot threads, characters and sophisticated diction. Both of these books will provide a solid foundation for the kind of reading and writing work the student will be doing in class during the year.

Directions: Please type the answers to the following questions. All the answers must be from the book and not just common knowledge. Please use a complete MLA heading on your answers and staple if you have multiple pages. You do not need to type the question; just type the answer and, unless it calls for it, they do not all have to be complete sentences.

QUESTIONS ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Both sets of questions count together as two 100-point quiz grades. Further grades, including a test, will follow at the beginning of the first quarter.

Questions for The Grouchy Grammarian by Thomas Parrish
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Chapter i

1. When did the narrator stop to see his friend?
2. Of what was the first grammar problem the grouch spoke?
3. What is the correct way to go through mail?
4. What is the correct way to have a souvenir?

Chapter ii

1. What is the narrator's name?
2. What did the grouch normally do in response to errors in the newspaper?
3. What group of people did Parrish think would not listen to the grouch?
4. What did the grouch say should be the purpose for which Parrish wrote a work about grammar?
5. What are the six audiences the grouch suggests Parrish address?
6. What poem by Browning did the grouch flag?

Chapter iii

1. What was the grouch's special view of the sentence?
2. If a person doesn't understand the working of a sentence, what does he have no chance of doing?

Chapter 1

1. What would a boss or teacher think is not good enough?
2. Why do we not use people with population?
3. What should one do who doesn't know the many of words?
4. What is speed in regard to the car crash?
5. What word should be used with Depression?
6. What verb regarding Clinton requires an object?
7. Where would one likely find historic figures?
8. What word shouldn't be used with a tornado warning?
9. What are the three quadrants of New York?
10. What quote by George Orwell did the grouch emphasize?

Chapter 2

1. What things have to agree in a sentence?
2. What does appositive mean?
3. What is concord according to the grouch?
4. To what fallacy does the grouch warn us to beware?

Chapter 3

1. When did subject verb agreement become firmly set?

Chapter 4

1. What rule applies to the word each?

Chapter 5

1. What was Vitale's prophetic statement?
2. What word is never a subject?

Chapter 6

1. Who was the only person to hold a certain title mentioned in the chapter?
2. What should former be used to describe?

Chapter 7

1. What is the difference between compliment and complement?

Chapter 8

1. What does having a "the reason is because" construction do to the language?

Chapter 9

1. What is the past tense of may?
2. What do we use to express doubt about a possibility?

Chapter 10

1. What should be deleted in front of yet?

Chapter 11

1. What is the grouch's name for dangling modifiers?

Chapter 12

1. What does the military do to specify a night event that took place at 2:00 a.m.?

Chapter 13

1. What celebrity used a subjunctive in her sentence?

Chapter 14

1. What are the three problems with the apostrophe?
2. What should never be split to add an apostrophe?
3. What is used to make an ordinary word plural?
4. What is one of the few American spots that retains the apostrophe in its name?
5. Why do ticks not flourish?
6. What four names normally drop the apostrophe?

Chapter 15

1. What did Paul Sawyer's students invent?
2. What should the noun before a gerund be?
3. What two situations should use an apostrophe?
4. What is a completely wrong form and should not be used in writing?

Chapter 16

1. What is the root of "whom" problems?

Chapter 17

1. What is never a "which"?
2. What kind of a clause does the word that introduce?

Chapter 18

1. What should not be used to mean coincidentally?
2. What does a repeated bungle show?

Chapter 19

1. What group is often blamed for adding of to sentences?

Chapter 20

1. In whose presence are many speakers awkwardly self-conscious?
2. What shows an audience a speaker is foreign?
3. Who was Jackson Pollock?
4. What is one of Shakespeare's most famous lines?
5. What does compare mean?

Chapter 21

1. Why did Donovan have to say goodbye to a player?

Chapter 22

1. What are the three adjectival levels?
2. What two major authors had used the superlative for the comparative?
3. What should be used instead of most well-known?

Chapter 23

1. How many seasons did Mark McGwire's record stand?
2. What type of a pronoun must be used after with or for?

Chapter 24

1. What is missing from the following sentence? He has served longer than anyone in the House.

Chapter 25

1. Why was Clinton's error so bad?
2. Which verb takes an object?

Chapter 26

1. What does lead that is a verb rhyme with?

Chapter 27

1. What phrase is redundant?
2. What two Presidents died on the same day?
3. What verb does the grouch remind us to do?
4. What is a streak by definition?
5. What does unanimous mean?

Chapter 28

1. Why does the sentence involving the Yellowjackets need three verbs?
2. Why do we pursue these points of grammar?
3. Why is wielding used incorrectly in the sentence?

Chapter 29

1. What does fil mean?
2. What language should be used with a dictionary handy?

Chapter 30

1. What is the etymology of none?

Chapter 31

1. What is the past tense of drag?
2. What is the storage above the stage called?

Chapter 32

1. What is or according to grammarian?
2. What do either/or and neither/nor tell the reader?

Chapter 33

1. What is a popular terms for results?
2. What should not replace original thought?
3. What are the possible meanings for oversight?

Chapter 34

1. What type of verb does much need when it is used as a noun?
2. When is a singular verb needed?
3. How long is a long time to wait for an answer to a proposal of marriage?

Chapter 35

1. What word is heavily overworked nowadays?
2. Why is "alleged victims" upsetting to the grouch?

Chapter 36

1. Who wrote Howard's End?
2. What is used to show a word's role in a sentence?
3. What does Fowler call people "Who clap a straight waistcoat upon their mother tongue"?
4. What is the characteristic way of saying things?

5. What group of people did John Bremner say needed freedom?

Chapter 37

1. What is the rule the grouch established regarding riffle and rifle?

2. What is the difference between wangle and wrangle?

3. What is the difference between invoke and evoke?

4. What does affect as a noun mean?

5. What does eminent mean?

6. What does flair mean?

7. Who was avenged by Julius Caesar's death?

8. When will a historic event be discussed?

9. What does flouting mean?

Chapter 38

1. What does among mean?

Chapter 39

1. What should the colleague have said about McCain?

2. Why is tea called iced?

3. What two things do old sayings add to language?

Chapter 40

1. What happened to MaMahon's and Ebersol's football league?

2. What is the grouch's reminder at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 41

1. What is the shorthand guide for than and as?

Chapter 42

1. What did Mrs. Malaprop think illiterate meant?

2. Of the eight government malapropisms, list your favorite.

3. What should writers imagine with a figure of speech?

Chapter 43

1. What have their limits?

Chapter 44

1. What did the newspaper writer mean when he used divulge?

2. What two words could end up replacing anniversary?

3. What is an impact?

Chapter 45

1. What should like never be used as?

Chapter 46

1. Who was given the wrong first name?

2. What is not a difficult task?

3. What is parole?

Chapter 47

1. What does the health food store not use correctly?

Questions for The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

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Prologue/Part One

1. What was the official name and purpose of the Chicago's World's Fair of 1893?
2. List 4 examples to prove that the fair was exotic and immense.
3. Why were so many young women coming to Chicago in 1890-91?
4. What did the First National Bank warn young women stenographers to avoid?
5. Give 3 examples to prove that "the boundary between the wicked and the moral was degrading."
6. Who nicknamed Chicago the "Windy City" and what was the basis for the nickname?
7. Explain how the desire to "out Eiffel Eiffel" led to the Chicago World's Fair.
8. Why did a pall of smoke hang over Chicago?
9. Describe Burnham's early employment history.
10. Why did Burnham attempt to break his engagement to Margaret Sherman?
11. What was the obstacle that kept buildings in Chicago less than skyscraper height?
12. Who were the "cliff-dwellers"?
13. Show that Burnham's office was operated in a manner ahead of its time.
14. Describe H.H. Holmes
15. Why did women adore Holmes?
16. What is Holmes' real name?
17. What was the "first really dishonest act of my life" according to Mudgett/Holmes?
18. What was the "landscape of anticipation" found in Chicago?
19. Describe landscape architecture as Olmstead saw it.
20. Briefly describe Olmstead's initial plan for the landscape of the fair.
21. How would an alienist describe Prendergast?
22. Who is Pietzel and what is he to Holmes?
23. Give evidence to prove Holmes was a con-man.
24. How did Ned, Gertie, and Julia come to be a part of Holmes' life? What scares Ned?

Part Two

1. Who was the chairman of the Grounds and Building Committee?
2. What was Olmstead's plan to "enliven the grounds"?
3. After the plans were drawn, how many months was it until opening day?
4. Why did 500 union workers storm the park?
5. Why did *The Inland Architect* (a magazine) say trade unions were un-American?

6. Why do you think Gertrude went back to Iowa?
7. What do you believe Holmes' kiln was used for?
8. What problem with the soil did the builders of the fair experience?
9. Why did the organizers of the fair not accept General Electric's bid to provide electricity to the fair?
10. Describe three proposals offered to "out Eiffel Eiffel".
11. What was the Columbian Guard?
12. What happened to Julia? Why?
13. Where did Holmes get the skeleton that he sold to Chippele then sold to Hahneman Medical College?
14. Why did Olmstead tour Paris?
15. What was Dedication Day?
16. What happened to Emeline?
17. Describe George Ferris's plan.
18. Why was the fair called the "White City"?
19. Why do you think Holmes was attracted to Minnie?
20. When was Opening Day?
21. Describe the state of readiness for the public on Opening Day (What was NOT finished?)

Part Three

1. What were the dates of the fair?
2. Name two very unusual "miracles at the fair."
3. Who was the President who gave a speech at the opening day?
4. What three flags were unfurled at the fair on opening day? Why each of these?
5. Why, as of opening day, did the organizers of the fair think this event would be the most attended entertainment event in world history?
6. Why, within the next week, did organizers believe it would be the worst attended entertainment in world history?
7. Explain two reasons why people did not attend the fair, at least at first.
8. What was the plan to get attendance to increase?
9. What was the main reason guests were drawn to the World's Fair Hotel?
10. What was the Black City? Why was it called that?
11. List four very unusual exhibits at the fair.
12. How tall was the Ferris Wheel?
13. List three complaints by Frederick Law Olmstead about the fair.
14. What was the day the Ferris Wheel was opened to the public? Why do you think this was such a big deal?
15. What happened at the fair the day after the storm?
16. What was Samuel Gompers saying that the organizers of the fair said had "to be suppressed at all costs"?
17. Explain two proposals for what to do with the buildings after the fair closed.

18. Describe what was scheduled for Closing Day and why did none of them happen?
19. Explain what Ray Stannard Baker meant when he said: “What a human downfall after the magnificence and prodigality of the World’s Fair which had so recently closed its doors! Heights of splendor, pride, exaltation in one month: depths of wretchedness, suffering, hunger, cold, in the next.”
20. What happened to the buildings of the fair after the fair closed? Why?
21. What do you suppose happened to the hundreds of people who went to the “fair and were never heard from again”?

Part Four

1. What was unusual about the case Detective Geyer is involved in in June 1895?
2. On what evidence does Geyer base his search for the children?
3. What does Henrietta Hill tell Geyer?
4. Who was Georgiana Yoke?
5. What did Geyer discover about Carrie Pitezal and Detroit?
6. What did Alice’s letter to her grandparents say about Howard?
7. Use 2 examples to prove that Holmes was “the model of the model prisoner.”
8. What conclusion does Geyer reach regarding Holmes’ motives?
9. What do the detectives find in the cellar of the Armbrust house?
10. What suggestions did Holmes give a journalist regarding the marketing of his memoirs?
11. What happened on August 18, 1895?
12. How did the fair specifically influence: L. Frank Baum, Frank Lloyd Wright, and President Benjamin Harrison?
13. What was the Fair’s greatest impact on the country?
14. What was the impact on Burnham’s career?
15. What was the connection between Leopold and Loeb and Frederick Law Olmstead?
16. What does Holmes say about the change in his appearance? List 3 things that seem to validate this idea.

