

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS  
ELEMENTARY DIPLOMA TEST

READING

April 10-11, 1930

Thursday 1:00-2:00 P. M.

1. Name one selection written by each of the following authors:—Theodore Roosevelt, Edgar Allen Poe, William Cullen Bryant, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Robert Louis Stevenson.
2. Write one statement about each of the following:—Scrooge; Gabriel; Satan; The War Dog; The Gray Champion; Rip Van Winkle.
3. Name two favorite poems about Birds with the author of each. Give your reason for your choice of *one*.
4. Give your favorite quotation, with title of selection from which it is taken and the name of the author.
5. Who carried the message in "A Message to Garcia"? Why has this story been printed so often and translated into other languages? Why is this story of special interest to West Virginians?
- ✓ 6. What ideals of Good Citizenship or Service are exemplified in the poems "Columbus" and "The Chambered Nautilus"?
7. Tell three ways in which you use library books.
  - (a) What one book have you read this year under each of the following heads in connection with the reading circle project:—
    - (1) Biography and History, (2) Fairy Tales, folk lore legends, (3) Fiction, (4) Nature?
  - (b) Give a short report on *one* of the four books you have listed, using the following outline:—Name of author; opening situation; climax; closing situation; two major characters; three minor characters.
  - (c) What do you consider the greatest benefit derived from reading good books?
8. What is a ballad? Name two in your Reading textbook; name two modern ballads.
9. Contrast a modern farmhouse with the Whittier house pictured in the poem "Snow-Bound," or compare the opportunities for education in rural districts in Whittier's boyhood days with those of the present time.