Reading Minor and AUA Video Outline

1. Positive Effects of adding a Reading Minor
   A. Network with professors
   B. Gain knowledge in all areas of Literacy instruction, applicable to:
      - Your field placement
      - Volunteer opportunities
      - Current teaching placements
      - Your classroom, once you graduate
   C. Only 3 extra classes for EGP and MGP students
   D. Fulfills elective credit requirements for non-dual majors
   E. Makes you eligible to join Alpha Upsilon Alpha

2. Some of the courses include:
   A. Assessment in Literacy Instruction
   B. Reading Practicum
   C. How did the Assessment course help with your Reading Practicum?
      - Taught you how to administer fluency assessments (a requirement that you have to fulfill in the practicum)
      - How to score the assessments
      - How to interpret the data from those assessments
      - Not only did the Assessment course help with the Reading Practicum, it was also helpful when going into student teaching.
   D. Shows you are competent
   E. Gives you confidence and credibility
   G. Enhances your professionalism
   H. Enables you to establish, build, and strengthen a good rapport with your cooperating teacher

3. Benefits of the Reading Minor
   A. You can join Alpha Upsilon Alpha (AUA)
   B. What is AUA?
      - The Honors Society for Reading Minor students
   C. When you join West Chester University’s chapter of AUA, you’re joining the International Literacy Association (ILA) as a student member
      - Gives you ILA resources
   D. What do we do as AUA members?
      - Services projects on campus
      - Organize community events
        - Like Literacy Fairs at local elementary schools
      - Professional development
      - Workshops for students
        - Addressing social issues in your classroom
        - Discussion panels
        - E-portfolio building
   E. Our favorite events:
      - Scholastic book fair on campus.
        - The money raised is used to buy books for students in the community.
      - Literacy Fairs
        - Able to explore literacy activities that range for all developmental ages.
        - Letter identification
        - Decoding nonfiction texts
        - Fun interacting with students
   F. Other Benefits:
      - Help you become a leader and stand out in the Education Department
      - Network with a lot of schools and families in the community
      - Strengthen connections and relationships with students by being active with them outside of the community
      - Enhance your resume