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Find the pronouns in the sentences below.

black underline = personal pronouns

red underline: reflexive/intensive

blue underline = demonstrative

Yellow Highlighter = indefinite

circle = interrogative

box = relative

1. Born in West Hartford, Connecticut, Noah Webster created his own dictionary of the English language to rival those of Murray and Johnson.
2. Webster held many positions during his lifetime, but he never erred in the mission of educating the nation and its children.
3. His blue-backed spellers, which remained a staple in American classrooms for over a century, taught many generations to spell the words of their native language.
4. He set out to write an American dictionary that would standardize spelling and usage throughout the growing nation.
5. Each of the country's regions used different spellings for common words at the time, which bothered Webster and other serious academics.
6. Webster taught himself 28 different languages during the 26 years it took to write his dictionary, and many of the etymologies he wrote reflect this astounding learning.
7. Much of his work was original, since 12,000 of the 70,000 words in his dictionary had never appeared in any other lexicon before.
8. What did Americans think? Sadly, this monumental effort fell upon an unappreciative nation, who only purchased 2,500 copies of the first edition.
9. Webster remained true to his own vision and financed his second edition himself.
10. The poet Emily Dickinson was one of his biggest fans, claiming she read every page of her own copy of the work.