

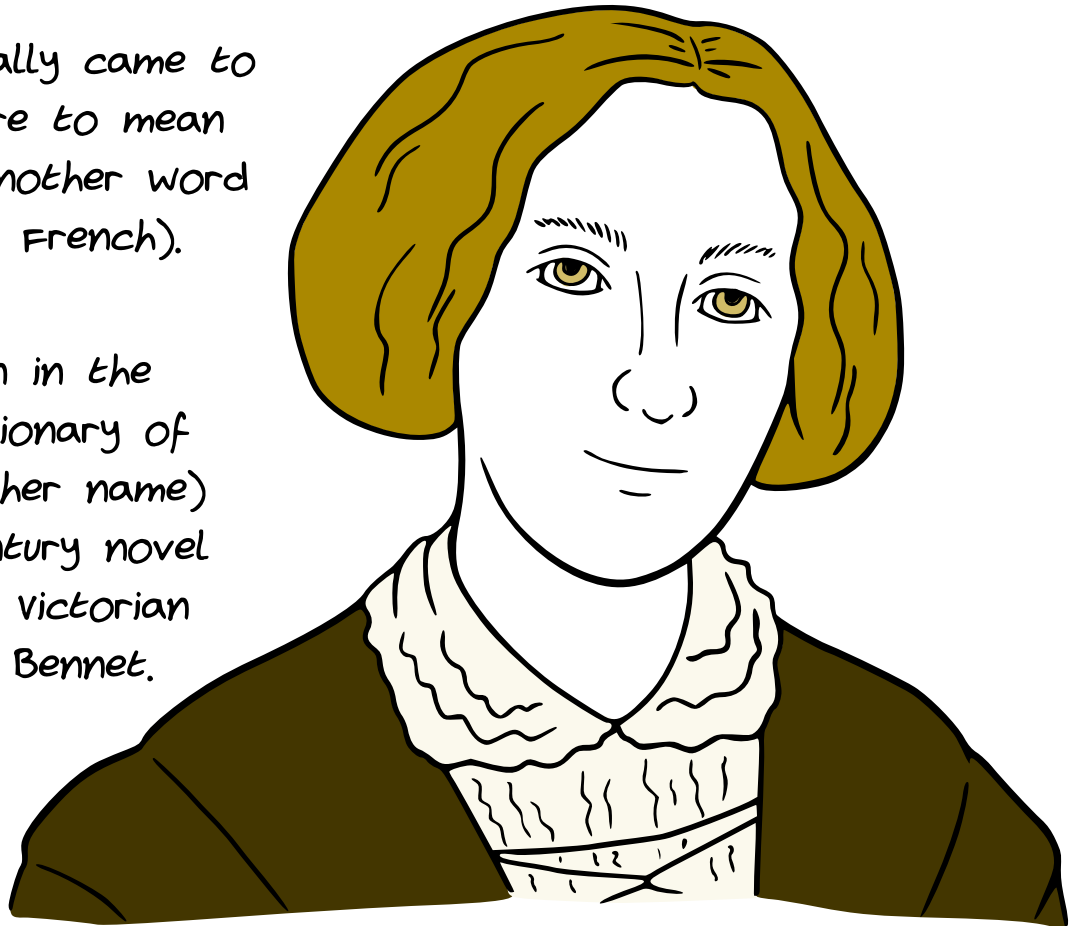
FACT OF THE DAY #6

THE TERM NOM DE PLUME IS ACTUALLY ENGLISH

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The term *nom de plume* is derived from the actual French term *nom de guerre*, literally "war name", a name that French soldiers would take on when enlisting in the army.

The British eventually came to use *nom de guerre* to mean any pseudonym (another word borrowed from French).

The first mention in the Oxford English dictionary of *nom de plume* (feather name) was in the 19th century novel *Oliver Goldfinch* by Victorian novelist Emerson Bennet.



ORJONES

Mary Ann Evans - *nom de plume* "George Elliot"