



SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN SEVENTH GRADE **LITERACY ESSENTIALS** our students will:

- write the five-paragraph essay with a well-crafted thesis and supporting evidence
- learn outlining skills to organize their compositions
- be introduced to the organization of the classical oration
- continue to master English grammar by sentence diagramming and other exercises

IN SEVENTH GRADE **LITERATURE** our students will read or listen to:

- novels such as *The Call of the Wild* and *Fahrenheit 451*
- poems such as "Dulce et Decorum Est" and "Nothing Gold Can Stay"
- plays such as Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*
- stories from Dickens, Stevenson, O. Henry, de Maupassant, and Poe

IN SEVENTH GRADE **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- memorize the important dates of American history from 1607-1877
- study the geography of the United States: landforms, mountains, and water features
- understand the development of the American identity
- read and hear about the major defining events of American history from 1607-1877
- engage in a close and extensive six-week study of the U.S. Constitution

IN SEVENTH GRADE **LATIN** our students will:

- translate Latin stories such as "A Gift Bearing Greeks" and "Ulysses and the Cyclopes"
- learn verbs in imperfect, present, and future tenses in the active voice
- understand the uses of the ablative and relative pronouns: qui, quae, quod

IN SEVENTH GRADE **MATH** our students will:

- write, evaluate, and simplify algebraic expressions
- perform addition and subtraction of linear algebraic expressions
- study angles, triangles, and quadrilaterals
- determine the area and perimeters rectangles, triangles, circles, and parallelograms

IN SEVENTH GRADE **SCIENCE** our students will:

- understand the early Greek theories of earth, air, fire, and water
- explore the beginnings of modern chemistry and the Periodic Table
- conduct experiments involving chemical bonds and reactions
- study the chemistry of photosynthesis, human respiration, and nutrition

IN SEVENTH GRADE **ART** our students will:

- examine color theory, the science of seeing color, and creating value with color
- study the great works of Impressionism, Art Nouveau, Expressionism, and Abstraction
- create their own works of art modeled on 19th century American paintings

IN SEVENTH GRADE **MUSIC** our students will:

- listen to music from the great Romantic composers such as Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt
- explore American music such as blues and jazz
- sing choral arrangements as part of the seventh grade chorus

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IN SEVENTH GRADE our students read:

Fahrenheit 451
The Call of the Wild
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and
Mr. Hyde
A Christmas Carol
"The Gift of the Magi"
"The Necklace"
"The Tell-Tale Heart"
Romeo and Juliet
Cyrano de Bergerac
The Declaration of Independence
The U.S. Constitution

IN SEVENTH GRADE our students memorize:

"The Charge of the Light Brigade"
"The Chimney Sweeper"
"Nothing Gold Can Stay"
Preamble to the U.S. Constitution
"Gettysburg Address"
The Mayflower Compact