



SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN SEVENTH GRADE **GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION** 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 and discuss:

- 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 Periodical 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 work 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 and national identity such as blues and jazz
- sing choral arrangements as part of the seventh grade choir

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SEVENTH GRADE LITERATURE

Novels & Plays

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde by R.L. Stevenson

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare

Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand

Poems

“*Annabel Lee*” by Edgar Allan Poe

“*The Chimney Sweeper*” by W. Blake

“*Fire and Ice*” by Robert Frost

“*Harlem*” by Langston Hughes

“*Macavity*” by T.S. Eliot

“*Nothing Gold Can Stay*” by Robert Frost

“*Dulce et Decorum Est*” by Wilfred Owen

“*This Is Just to Say*” by W.C. Williams

Short Stories

“*Gift of the Magi*” by O. Henry

“*A Retrieved Reformation*” by O. Henry

“*The Necklace*” by Guy de Maupassant

“*The Purloined Letter*” by Edgar Allan Poe

“*The Tell-tale Heart*” by Edgar Allan Poe

Non-fiction

The Autobiography of Helen Keller

Medal of Honor by Nick Del Calzo

Constitutional Convention by J. Madison