



SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM

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
"Frederick Douglass" by Robert Hayden
"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
"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

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:

- explore the beginnings of modern chemistry and the Periodic Table
- study cell division and genetics
- 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 and national identity such as blues and jazz
- sing choral arrangements as part of the seventh grade choir