

# Year Five

## Science and Nature Study

Students in Year Five will continue their study of botany, primarily through object lessons, using *The First Book of Botany*. This year they will discover the world of insects using *Insect Adventures* by Fabre and Hasbrouck as well as learn more about their changing bodies with either a book meant for boys or one meant for girls. Finally, students will also learn about energy, electricity and magnetism through experiments and the stories of Newton, Tesla and Archimedes.

## History & Geography

Year Five students will continue their study of British history with *Our Island Story*, supplemented with *In the Days of Queen Elizabeth* by Eva March Tappan and *George vs. George* by Rosalyn Schanzer.

This year will also include the second of four years of a study of American history, designed to flow chronologically through the years and based on nonfiction, biography and historical fiction books. Since American history and British history are studied concurrently, this year will focus on the Renaissance up through 1800 using numerous books such as *The World of William Penn* and *George Washington's World*. Students will also independently read 2 additional books, chosen from lists which supplement this time period.

## Geography

In Geography, students will follow the travels of Minn, a snapping turtle, from *Minn of the Mississippi* along with watching history pass by a cottonwood tree in *Tree in the Trail*; both books are by Holling C. Holling. Additional books will also allow students to discover the Taj Mahal, the Hudson River and the Grand Canyon.

## Literature & Poetry

This year, students will read selected historical poems and ballads, narrative poetry by Longfellow and study selections from Dickinson and Wordsworth.

Literature selections will include 2 short works by Washington Irving, 3 selections from *Tales from Shakespeare* by C. & M. Lamb, *Children of the New Forest*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Princess and the Goblin*, *The Wolves of Wiloughby Chase* and more.

## The Arts

Artists Studied: Diego Velazquez, James Singleton Copley, Benjamin West and Thomas Gainsborough

Composers Studied: Franz P. Schubert, Frederic Chopin, Pyotr Tchaikovsky and Johannes Brahms

## Citizenship

Students will begin to study citizenship in Year Five. While this curriculum will include selections from Plutarch, it will also include other books, speeches and documents which provide opportunities to discuss citizenship. This year, students will spend some time examining the ideas of liberty, an authentic look at the holiday Thanksgiving as well as other topics. The Plutarch selection this year will be Alexander.

## Ancient History

Year Five includes the addition of the third stream of history-ancient history. Students will begin the first ancient world cycle with *The Book of the Ancient World* by Dorothy Mills and will follow this with part of *The Story of the Greek People* by Eva March Tappan. The latter book will be completed in Year Six. Additional books by Elizabeth Mann and Lynn Curlee will supplement this study.