

# Year Six

## Science and Nature Study

Students in Year Six will continue their study of botany, primarily through object lessons, using *The First Book of Botany*. Biology is further covered with a study of the human body and microscopic life using *A World in a Drop of Water: Exploring with a Microscope* as well as other selections. Finally, students will also be introduced to chemistry with *The Mystery of the Periodic Table* by Jeanne Bendick and other books.

## History & Geography

Year Six students will continue their study of British history by completing *Our Island Story* and then reading some selected chapters from Patrick Dillon's *The Story of Britain*. Their study will be supplemented with a book about Florence Nightingale and *Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti.

This year will also include the third 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 nineteenth century using numerous books such as *The Great Little Madison*, *Bull Run* and *Abe Lincoln'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 Lewis and Clark as well as read *The Erie Canal* and the *Statue of Liberty: A Tale of Two Countries*. Additionally, students will read about world ecosystems.

## Literature & Poetry

This year, students will read selected historical poems and ballads, narrative poetry by Macaulay and study selections from Whitman, Tennyson and the Fireside Poets.

Literature selections will include *The Aeneid for Boys and Girls*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Little Women*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Swallows and Amazons* and more. Students this year will also complete *Tales from Shakespeare* by C. & M. Lamb.

## The Arts

Artists Studied: J. M. W. Turner, Jean Francois Millet, John Everett Millais and Georges Seurat

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

## Citizenship

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 looking at the Constitution of the United States and the Gettysburg Address as well as read more about Abe Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Plutarch selections this year will be Aristides and Paulus Aemilius.

## Ancient History

Students in Year Six will continue the first ancient world cycle with the remaining portion of *The Story of the Greek People* by Eva March Tappan. They will then begin *The Story of the Roman People* by Eva March Tappan. Additional books by Elizabeth Mann will supplement this study.