

Year Nine

Science and Nature Study

Students in Year Nine will continue their study of botany, primarily through object lessons, but now with *The Second Book of Botany*. Natural History will also include a selected portion of natural history writings. Students will continue to study astronomy using Moeschl's *Exploring the Sky* and Rey's *The Stars*. A full study of physics will begin with Hewitt's *Conceptual Physics*. General Science will also begin this year and will continue through Year Eleven

History & Geography

Year Nine students will continue their study of world history with a study of the Renaissance and Reformation.

This year students will begin their study of high school level American History with the first of three years devoted to that study using Johnson's *A History of the American People*. Since American history and World history are studied concurrently, this period will approximately cover the 15th through 17th century. Both studies will include ample primary resource selections. Some supplemental books include: *Galileo's Daughter*, *Who Was First? Discovering the Americas* and others.

Geography

This year students will follow Thor Heyerdahl's exciting adventures across the Pacific Ocean as well as read more about the age of European explorers.

Literature & Poetry

This year students will read poetry from assorted authors such as Shakespeare and Petrarch, *The Iliad*, and additional historical poems and ballads.

Literature selections will include selected chapters from *English Literature for Young People* and works such as *The Scarlet Letter*, *Don Quixote* and *The Prince and the Pauper*. Students will also read Shakespeare's *Henry VIII* and *As You Like It*.

The Arts

Artists: Raphael, Rembrandt and Vermeer

Composers: Maurice Ravel, Franz Liszt, Claude Debussy and Cesare Pugni

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 contemplating the ideas of utopia and liberty. Plutarch selections this year will include a number of Greek lives, such as Solon, Themistocles and Pericles.

Additionally, students will be reading, studying and discussing current articles from reputable sources.

Ancient History

Students in Year Nine will begin a study of the ancient Greeks, using about 2/3 of *The Book of the Ancient Greeks* by Dorothy Mills, which will be supplemented with various primary source selections. Students will also learn more about China.