

Year Seven

Science and Nature Study

Students in Year Seven will continue their study of botany, primarily through object lessons, but now with *The Second Book of Botany*. They will look more closely at the field of genetics using *The Code of Life* by the Silversteins along with a supplemental book and some additional lab work. Paul Fleisher's *Secrets of the Universe* will provide an excellent introduction to the world of physics. Some physics lab work will be included. Each student will also choose a biography from a list of suggested titles.

History & Geography

Year Seven students will finish their study of British and World history with *The Story of Britain*, along with *Hitler Youth* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti and a book about Sun Yat-sen.

This year will also include the fourth 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 primarily on the twentieth century using *The Landmark History of the American People* by Daniel Boorstin (Vol. 2 only) and several supplemental books. Students will also choose at least one biography and one historical fiction book from a list of suggestions.

Geography

In Geography, students will read the first book from *The Book of Marvels* (The Occident) by Richard Halliburton. Additionally, students will continue to read about world ecosystems.

Literature & Poetry

This year, students will read selected historical poems and ballads, narrative poetry by Morris and study selections from Frost, Sandburg and Hughes.

Literature selections will include *King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*, *Age of Fable*, *The Chestry Oak*, *The Hobbit* and more. Students this year will begin to read Shakespeare's plays. This year they will read *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Julius Caesar*.

The Arts

Artists: Claude Monet, Norman Rockwell, Georgia O'Keeffe and John Singer Sargent

Composers: Bela Bartok, Scott Joplin, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Sergei Prokofiev

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 effects of war by reading *Bomb* and *Eleanor's Story*. Plutarch selections this year will be Brutus and Caesar.

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

Ancient History

Students this year will finish the first ancient world cycle with the remaining portion of *The Story of the Roman People* by Eva March Tappan. Additional books by Macaulay and Abbott will supplement this study.