



# THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY of Sarasota

## Curriculum Essentials: Grade Nine

### **Ancient Literature (2 semesters – 1 credit)**

- Homer, *The Iliad* (the whole thing) – *The Odyssey* to be read the previous summer or can be moved to following summer
- Greek Plays – *Oedipus Rex*, *Antigone*
- Selections from Plato's *Republic* (on the poets, Allegory of the Cave)
- Plato, *Apology* (or read in history)
- Virgil, *The Aeneid* (the whole thing)
- Roman poetry
- Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar* (read in English class but taught when Roman Civil War studied in history)
- Addison's *Cato* (if time)
- Genesis 1-4

### **Composition (1 semester – ½ credit)**

- The class focuses on grammar and composition and also entails the study of classic essays by Bacon, Addison, Swift, Johnson, Orwell, et alia

### **Western Civilization I - Ancient History (2 semesters – 1 credit)**

- Herodotus, *The Histories*, on the Persian Wars, esp. on the 300 Spartans at Thermopylae
- Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, (selections, esp. Pericles, "Funeral Oration," "Plague Speech"; The Melian Dialogue; debate on Sicilian expedition)
- Plutarch, Lives of Lycurgus, Solon, Pericles, Alcibiades
- Plato, *The Republic*, Book VIII on the regimes (monarchy, aristocracy, democracy)
- Plato, *The Apology* (may be read here if literature pressed for time), also *The Crito* may be read, time permitting
- Aristotle, *The Politics*, Book I
- Livy, selections on early Rome
- Polybius, *The Histories*, Book IV
- Plutarch, Lives of Cato the Elder, Julius Caesar, Cicero
- Cicero, Catiline Oration (1<sup>st</sup>); sel. Letters to Atticus and Quintus; *De Officiis* (selections)
- Caesar, *The Commentaries* (selections)
- Augustus, *Res Gestae Divi Augusti*
- Tacitus and Suetonius on the Roman emperors
- Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*
- Documents from the Judeo-Christian Tradition
  - Ten Commandments, life of David, Sermon on the Mount

**Biology (2 semesters – 1 credit)**

**Mathematics (2 semesters – 1 credit)**

- Algebra I and II
- Geometry

**Latin**

**Electives**

- Spanish I, II
- Art – sculpture, technique (includes aspects of history)
- Music – choir, band, orchestra (includes aspects of history)
- Physical Education and Nutrition