



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY of Sarasota

Curriculum Essentials: Grade Eight

Modern History: 1820–Present

Primary sources from the listed subjects

Kingfisher History Encyclopedia

World History, Patterns of Interaction, McDougal Littell, 2007

- Review of U.S. History before 1850
- U.S. Geography
- Civil War – causes, Fort Sumter, Gettysburg, Antietam
- Emancipation
- Reconstruction
- Victorian England
- European Nationalism
- Colonialism and Imperialism
- Geography of Africa and Europe
- Crimean War
- Labor Movements
- Women's Suffrage
- World War I
- Lost Generation
- Russia's Revolutions
- Chinese Civil War
- Mexico's Revolutions
- Italy, Spain, and the rise of Fascism
- Great Depression and New Deal
- World War II
- Eastern Europe
- Korean War
- Geography of Asia
- Civil Rights
- Vietnam
- The Cold War
- Fall of Communist Regimes

Literature

Whole-Class Selections

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

To Build a Fire by Jack London

My Antonia by Willa Cather

Animal Farm by George Orwell

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Night by Elie Wiesel

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

World War I Poetry

Short Stories

An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge by Bierce

The Sniper by Liam O'Flaherty

The Monkey's Paw by W.W. Jacobs

The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry

The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant

All Summer in a Day by Ray Bradbury

Other Literature (as time permits)

The Pearl, John Steinbeck

Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw

Short Stories by Hemingway

Selections from *The Anthology of American*

Poetry

Longfellow, Emerson, Whitman, Dickinson,

Frost, Wilfred Owen, Sandberg,

E.E.Cummings, Langston Hughes

Writing

Literary analysis essays, character analysis essays, writing a speech, writing dialogue for drama, major theme essays, personal response essays, compare-and-contrast essays, persuasive writing, position paper, descriptive writing, editorial, history research paper.

Grammar, Mechanics, Usage, and Spelling

Analytical Grammar by R. Robin Finley

Warriner's Complete Grammar and Composition Handbook (Harcourt Brace)

The Little, Brown Handbook

List of 500 frequently misspelled words

Science Geology and Astronomy

Earth Science, Holt Science & Technology 2000

The Story of Science: Aristotle Leads the Way and

The Story of Science: Newton at the Center by Joy Hakim

Rocks & minerals, earthquakes & volcanoes, plate tectonics, oceanography, lakes & rivers, atmospheric science, and full astronomy study.

Mathematics

Algebra I or higher – Singapore Math

Latin

Oxford Latin II, Oxford University Press

Reading and translation of Latin stories in conjunction with extensive review and drill of grammar topics.

Logic

The Art of Reasoning by David Kelley

Formal deductive logic applied to classification, definitions, argumentation, and beginning rhetoric.

Art

Discovering Art History, Davis Publications

Art history: Realism to contemporary art. Major projects: social-issue art, Impressionist painting, Surrealist sculpture, self-portraiture.

Music

Share the Music Series, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill

Essentials of Music Theory (Alfred)

An Illustrated History of Music for Young Musicians: Romantic Period and Twentieth Century, Summy-Birchard

Romantic and modern music history and appreciation, singing rounds and three-part harmony, music theory.

Physical Education and Health

Team sports, individual and lifetime activities, fitness exercise and assessment, non-communicable diseases, safety, emergencies, CPR and First Aid.

*This curriculum guide serves as a framework. Exact text and outline will be determined by the Director of Philosophy in cooperation with grade level or subject area teacher.