

## Course Description

### Grade 7 Language Arts

**Philosophy Statement:** God is the Supreme Communicator and has spoken to His people in many ways. In His goodness, He has gifted us with the ability to read, write, listen, and speak. These language arts are the foundation and gateway to all learning and life skills. Students become life-long learners about God and His Word through the study of language arts.

**Course Objective:** Students continue the study of English grammar, usage and mechanics begun in the elementary grades. Reading, writing, and vocabulary are emphasized.

#### Textbooks:

Writing and Grammar  
BJU Press  
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Mosdos Press Literature,  
Jade  
Mosdos Press  
Copyright 1999

Vocabulary Workshop Level B  
Sadlier-Oxford  
Copyright 2005

#### Materials:

- Student textbooks
- Vocabulary Workshop Level B , Sadlier-Oxford, Teacher's Edition, Copyright 2005
- Writing and Grammar, BJU Press, Teacher's Edition, Copyright 2005
- Mosdos Press Literature, Jade, Mosdos Press Teacher's Edition, Copyright 1999
- *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*
- Novels: *Johnny Tremain*, *Bruchko*, and *A Christmas Carol*
- Video: *A Christmas Carol*, *Johnny Tremain*

**Time Allotment:** 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week

#### Course Content:

- The Sentence, Subjects and Predicates, Fragments
- Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives
- Verbs, Adverbs, Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections
- Predicate Nouns, Predicate Adjectives, Direct and Indirect Objects, Prepositional Phrases
- The Clause, Independent, and Dependent Clauses
- Simple, Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex Sentences
- Agreement, Subject and Verb, Pronoun and Antecedent
- Diagramming basic sentence parts
- Using verbs correctly
- Using pronouns correctly
- Correcting errors in usage
- Learning the spelling of commonly misspelled words
- Using punctuation and mechanics correctly
- Read and write various types of poetry
- Evaluate and write a short story
- Read and evaluate *Johnny Tremain*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Bruchko*

#### Areas to be evaluated:

- Class participation
- Reading comprehension quizzes and tests
- Spelling and vocabulary quizzes
- Writing assignments
- Daily grammar assignments
- Reading comprehension assignments
- Grammar tests

***Additional activities:***

- Five paragraph essay and speech book reports
- Read silently and aloud
- Write paragraphs, research papers, essays, and descriptions for portfolio
- ACSI Spelling Bee
- Complete daily writing activities the entire school year