

Course Description

Grade 8 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 study the grammar, usage, and mechanics of the English language. Essay writing, literature selections, and vocabulary units are also explored.

Textbooks:

Vocabulary Workshop Lvl C
Sadlier-Oxford
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Mosdos Press Literature,
Gold
Mosdos Press
Copyright 1999

Writing and Grammar
BJU Press
Copyright 2005

Materials:

- Vocabulary Workshop Level C, Sadlier-Oxford Teachers' Edition Book
- Writing and Grammar, BJU Press, Teachers' Edition 2005
- Mosdos Press Literature, Mosdos Press, Teachers' Edition 2001
- Video: *The Hiding Place*
- Video: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
- Video: *The Merchant of Venice*
- Novels: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Hiding Place*, *The Merchant of Venice*, and *The 21 Balloons*

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

Course Content:

- Spelling/vocabulary
- Essay writing styles/editing
- Comprehensive reading of literature selections and novels
- Grammar, usage, mechanics of English language
- Parts of speech, classifications and functions
- Sentence classification and structure
- Diagramming sentences of differing structures
- Prepositional phrases/ verbals
- Clauses
- Verbs, plural/singular nouns, pronoun/antecedent, agreement

Areas to be evaluated:

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

Additional activities:

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