



2026–2027

Book List

Grade 8



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Art

Art: Level 8

2 times/week 45 min _

GRADE(S): 8-12



Drawing, Design, and Craft-Work

by Frederick J. Glass ISBN/ASIN: 978-1633340978

→ **RATIONALE:** This is an excellent guide to art instruction, with suggestions for how to begin, materials to use, and the directions future work may take. This book is profusely illustrated with clear explanations.

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Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

Option 1 Free

↔ SHARED

Art: Level 1
Art: Level 2
Art: Level 3
Art: Level 4
Art: Level 5
Art: Level 6
Art: Level 8
Art: Level 7
Art: Fast Track
Art: High School Fast Track

Art: Fast Track

2 times/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 5-8



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Term 2 (Selections)

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[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ SHARED

Art: Level 1

Art: Level 2

Art: Level 3

Art: Level 4

Art: Level 5

Art: Level 6

Art: Level 8

Art: Level 7

Art: Fast Track

Art: High School Fast Track



Brushwork: Elementary Brush-Forms

by Marion Hudson ISBN/ASIN: 978-1633341098

→ **RATIONALE:** This book is perfect for those who are new to brush drawing. The exercises on gridded paper help students learn to mix colors and control the brush. Brushforms ("blobs") are used to create designs.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

Term 3 (Selections)

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ SHARED

Art: Level 1

Art: Level 2

Art: Level 3

Art: Fast Track

Art: High School Fast Track

↔ Picture Study

1 time/week 10 min * (Grades 1-3)

1 time/week 15 min * (Grades 4-6)

1 time/week 20 min * (Grades 7-8)

1 time/week 20 min *or_ (Grades 9-12)

GRADE(S): 1-12

Grades 9-12 ONLY**OPTIONAL****Redeeming Vision**

by Elissa Weichbrodt ISBN/ASIN: 978-1540965974

→ **RATIONALE:** Educators of all levels and HS students take the next step in deepening their relationship with art by contemplating a theology of art for viewers which impacts how we see as well as how we are and how we love. Practice in taking what has been learned in previous years along with new aspects of art elements and themes is guided by Dr. Weichbrodt.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)**SCOPE**Term 1
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Term 3**PURCHASE OPTIONS**[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)**OPTIONAL****Art Print Set**

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** This art print set contains high-resolution images that are in the public domain or used for Alveary with permission. The Art Print Set contains paintings by each term's artist: Edward Mitchell Bannister, Vincent van Gogh, and Lilius Trotter. We recommend printing on cardstock. Hard copies will be available with lesson plans.

NOTE: Selections are also included in Our Work packets for Grades 1-12.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)**SCOPE**Term 1
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Term 3**PURCHASE OPTIONS**[Coming April 1st](#)**Grades 1-2 ONLY****Our Work: Grades 1-2**

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** This is a compilation of the year's Recitation, Picture Study, Hymns, Spirituals, and Folk Songs. Line drawings of artifacts from the historical time period are also included to provide students with inspiration for their Book of Centuries. We recommend printing or purchasing a copy for each student.

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Term 3**PURCHASE OPTIONS**[Coming April 1st](#)**↔ SHARED**Recitation: Grades 1-2
Picture Study
Music: Intro
Music: Level 1

Grade 3 ONLY



Our Work: Grade 3

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Coming April 1st

↔ SHARED

Picture Study
Recitation: Grade 3
Music: Level 3

Grades 4–6 ONLY



Our Work: Grades 4–6

by Alveary

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Coming April 1st

↔ SHARED

Picture Study
Recitation: Grades 4–6
Music: Level 3
Music: Level 4
Music: Level 5

Grades 7–8 ONLY



Our Work: Grades 7–8

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Picture Study
Recitation: Grades 7–8
Music: Level 5

Grades 9–12 ONLY



Our Work: Grades 9–12

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Recitation: Grade 9
Recitation: Grade 10
Recitation: Grade 11
Recitation: Grade 12
Music: Level 5
Picture Study

Grades 9–12 ONLY

OPTIONAL



Van Gogh

by Ingo Walther & Rainer Metzger ISBN/ASIN: 978-3836557153

→ **RATIONALE:** This comprehensive study of Vincent van Gogh (1853–1890) pairs a detailed monograph on his life and art with a complete catalogue of his 871 paintings.

NOTE: Please note there is some minor nudity, and Van Gogh lived a tumultuous life, ultimately committing suicide.

SCOPE

Term 2

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

Grades 9–12 ONLY

OPTIONAL



A Passion for the Impossible: The Life of Lilius Trotter

by Miriam Rockness ISBN/ASIN: 978-1734400182

→ **RATIONALE:** An inspiring biography of Lilius Trotter, a British artist who forsook fame to devote her life to Christian missionary work in Algeria, guided by faith, creativity, and love.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

Term 3

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#)

Bible

Bible: Grades 7–8

GRADE(S): 7–8

↔ Old Testament: Grades 7-12

2 times/week 30 min * (Grades 7-9)

2 times/week 30 min * (Grades 10-12)

GRADE(S): 7-12

Grades 7-8 ONLY



ESV Concise Study Bible

ISBN/ASIN: 978-1433577932

→ **RATIONALE:** A smaller-sized study Bible that is appropriate for this age. We highly suggest this Bible for the insightful study notes and accessibility for this age group. During lesson time, students will be asked to review the study notes and other explanatory material.

NOTE: This resource is for Grades 7-8 ONLY. Grades 9+ should use Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible.

→ May sub: a translation of your choice but it is important to have one with study notes.

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#)

[Option 2](#)

↔ **SHARED**

Old Testament: Grades 7-12

New Testament: Grades 7-8

Grades 9-12 ONLY



NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible: Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture

by Zondervan ISBN/ASIN: 978-0310431589

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains unabridged Scripture along with important archaeological, historical, and cultural background.

NOTE: This resource is for Grades 9+ ONLY. Grades 7-8 should use the ESV Concise Study Bible.

→ May sub: a translation of your choice.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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[Option 1](#)

[Option 2](#)

↔ **SHARED**

Old Testament: Grades 7-12

New Testament: Grade 9

New Testament: Grades 10-11

New Testament: Grade 12



Old Testament Today

by John H. Walton & Andrew E. Hill ISBN/ASIN: 978-0310498209

→ **RATIONALE:** It is so important for students to understand the context in which the Bible was written and what it meant to the original audience. However, it is also important to understand how the OT writings are relevant to us today. The authors do a wonderful job communicating all these ideas. Lesson plans will guide you in navigating this rich text.

NOTE: Students will use this book for several years as they read through the OT.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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The Student Bible Atlas, Revised Edition

by Tim Dowley ISBN/ASIN: 978-1506400105 ✓ REFERENCE

→ **RATIONALE:** This is a simple, inexpensive Bible atlas that provides full-page maps of the biblical lands of the Old and New Testaments. In Bible lessons, students will be directed to look at specific pages. This resource is for Grades 3-8 ONLY.

→ May sub: other Bible atlas, though page numbers in lesson plans will not match.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

Term 1 (Selections)
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[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

Old Testament: Grades 3-6
New Testament: Grades 3-6
New Testament: Grades 7-8
Old Testament: Grades 7-12
Story of Arithmetic: Part 1
Story of Geometry: Part 1

New Testament: Grades 7-8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8



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↔ SHARED

Old Testament: Grades 3-6
New Testament: Grades 3-6
New Testament: Grades 7-8
Old Testament: Grades 7-12
Story of Arithmetic: Part 1
Story of Geometry: Part 1



Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey

by Mark Allan Powell ISBN/ASIN: 978-0801099601

→ **RATIONALE:** An overview of the NT for older students and educators providing book by book background and major themes to be used for years. The chapters can be read in any order allowing for use anywhere in the reading rotation. Powell presents various perspectives on interpretive issues to encourage engagement with ideas but does not attempt to resolve all the issues. Artwork through the centuries adds a unique element that illustrates themes and demonstrates the influence of the NT over the centuries.

NOTE: Students will use this book for several years as they read through the NT.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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↔ SHARED

New Testament: Grades 7-8
New Testament: Grade 9
New Testament: Grades 10-11
New Testament: Grade 12

↔ Church History: Grades 7-9

1 time/week 30 min * T

GRADE(S): 7-9



Renewal: The Church That Expands Outward

by Luke H. Davis ISBN/ASIN: 978-1527109933

→ **RATIONALE:** Students will read the last half of the book this year as they continue to see how the church expanded globally through preaching, mission work, and social work in the name of Christ. The author tells the story of a pivotal event in the life of faithful Christians including William Wilberforce, Sojourner Truth, Hudson Taylor and more. Lesson plans will also include necessary background information, links, and other pertinent PDFs and articles.

NOTE: Use option one link to receive discount.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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Spurgeon: A Biography

by Arnold Dallimore ISBN/ASIN: 978-0851514512

→ **RATIONALE:** This biography provides an introduction to Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), an influential preacher who started the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England. Spurgeon is often called "The Prince of Preachers," and this biography shows his life of faith, his personal struggles with depression, his humor, and his love for his family as he strived to preach the gospel so that all might hear.

SCOPE

Term 2

Term 3

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)



An Honorable Heritage: The Pandita Ramabai Story in Her Own Words

by Pandita Ramabai ISBN/ASIN: 978-1882840281

→ **RATIONALE:** Pandita Ramabai (1858-1922) was a social reformer, an advocate for the emancipation of women, and a pioneer in education. She tells her testimony of being born into a privileged Brahman caste in India and leaving it all behind to become a Christian. It is a fascinating read!

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Term 3 (Partial Term)

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

NOTE: Use option one link to receive discount.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

Spiritual Formation: Grades 7-8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8



Transformed by Truth

by Katherine Forster ISBN/ASIN: 978-1433564055

→ **RATIONALE:** This book is written for students to encourage them to make Bible reading a special time of their day. The author demonstrates the practices of observation, interpretation, and application so students can discover how God's truth can literally transform them from the inside out. These practices will also be implemented during the NT Bible lessons.

SCOPE

Term 1
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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

Citizenship

Citizenship: Grade 8 (U.S.)

GRADE(S): 8

↔ Plutarch: Grades 6-8

1 time/week 30 min * 

GRADE(S): 6-8+



Historical Atlas of the World 6th Ed.

by Rand McNally ISBN/ASIN: 978-0528026553 ✓ REFERENCE

→ **RATIONALE:** Presents important periods and turning points in 5,000 years of history. Thematic maps include literacy, languages, religions, and more. Used across curriculum.

SCOPE

Term 1 (Selections)
Term 2 (Selections)
Term 3 (Selections)

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

Resources: Grades 4-6
Resources: Grades 7-8
Resources: Grade 9
Resources: Grade 10
Resources: Grade 11
Resources: Grade 12
Story of Arithmetic: Part 1
Story of Arithmetic: Part 2
Story of Geometry: Part 1
Plutarch: Grades 6-8
First Citizen Stories



The Plutarch Project Volume Three (Revised)

by Anne White ISBN/ASIN: 978-1990258060

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Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ SHARED

Plutarch: Grades 6–8
Plutarch/Government: Grade 9 (U.S.)
Plutarch/Government: Grade 9 (Canada)

American Gov./ Economics: Grade 8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 8



Reading PDF

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** Students will learn about important historical documents developed between 1800–1900. Following the founding of the country, the framework of the nation begins to take shape. The Missouri Compromise sets the stage for the Civil War as new states join the nation; the federal government experiences internal conflict as the Executive Branch disregards the Judicial Branch over the sovereignty of tribal nations; and the Reconstruction Amendments are added to the Constitution. A "Reading PDF" will be included in the lesson plans that provides accessible analysis integrated with relevant excerpts of Supreme Court decisions, legislative acts, and other texts as appropriate.

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Included in Lessons](#)

↔ SHARED

American Gov./ Economics: Grade 8
Plutarch/Government: Grade 9 (U.S.)
Econ/Civics: Grade 10 (U.S.)
Econ/Civics: Grade 11 (U.S.)



Dollars and Sense: A Kid's Guide to Using – Not Losing – Money

by Elaine Scott ISBN/ASIN: 978-1580893961

→ **RATIONALE:** In this introduction to Economics, students will learn about the history of money, the banking system, and personal finance.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

Term 3

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

American Gov./ Economics: Grade 8
Canadian Gov./ Economics: Grade 8

↔ Ethics: Part 2

1 time/week 25 min *

GRADE(S): 8+



Ourselves: Book 1

by Charlotte Mason

→ **RATIONALE:** Mason emphasized that children are persons; this is the volume in which she defines that term. What characteristics do we, as Image-Bearers, have in common? What kinds of pitfalls should we anticipate? These are some of the profound questions Mason deals with in this, her only volume written directly to students.

→ May sub: any edition.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

SCOPE

Term 1
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PURCHASE OPTIONS

Option 1 [Free](#)

↔ **SHARED**

Ethics: Part 1
Ethics: Part 2
Ethics: Part 3

Citizenship: Grade 8 (Canada)

GRADE(S): 8

↔ Plutarch: Grades 6-8

1 time/week 30 min *

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Term 1 (Selections)
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PURCHASE OPTIONS

Option 1 [Option 2](#)

↔ **SHARED**

Resources: Grades 4-6
Resources: Grades 7-8
Resources: Grade 9
Resources: Grade 10
Resources: Grade 11
Resources: Grade 12
Story of Arithmetic: Part 1
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↔ SHARED

Plutarch: Grades 6–8
Plutarch/Government: Grade 9 (U.S.)
Plutarch/Government: Grade 9 (Canada)

Canadian Gov./ Economics: Grade 8

1 time/week 25 min * [T](#) | GRADE(S): 8



Canada's Constitutional Monarchy

by Nathan Tidridge ISBN/ASIN: 9781554889808

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Canadian Gov./ Economics: Grade 8
Plutarch/Government: Grade 9 (Canada)



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American Gov./ Economics: Grade 8
Canadian Gov./ Economics: Grade 8

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↔ SHARED

Ethics: Part 1
Ethics: Part 2
Ethics: Part 3

English

Language Study: Grade 8

GRADE(S): 8

Grammar/Comp: Grade 8

2 times/week 20 min *

2 times/week 15 min *

GRADE(S): 8



Grammar Voyage

by Michael Clay Thompson ISBN/ASIN: 978-0-89824-793-0

→ **RATIONALE:** Building on grammar concepts introduced in Grammar Island and Grammar Town, this book continues to help students explore the intricacies of grammar.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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Term 3 (Partial Term)

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#)



Grammar Voyage Teacher's Manual (select pages)

by Michael Clay Thompson

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Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Free](#)



Practice Voyage

by Michael Clay Thompson ISBN/ASIN: 978-0880926843

→ **RATIONALE:** This workbook accompanies Grammar Voyage and contains practice sentences.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

Term 2
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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#)



Practice Voyage Teacher's Manual (select pages)

by Michael Clay Thompson

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Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

Term 2
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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Free](#)

Dictation: Grade 8

2 times/week 15 min *

GRADE(S): 8



Grade 8 Copywork & Dictation Book

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** Copywork and dictation passages taken from the books and poems from this year.

NOTE: Also included in the Grade 8 Bundles available with Alveary Printing store.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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[Coming Soon](#)

SHARED

Copywork: Grade 8
Dictation: Grade 8

Copywork: Grade 8

5 times/week 10 min * or

GRADE(S): 8



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Copywork: Grade 8
Dictation: Grade 8

Recitation: Grades 7-8

5 times/week 10 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8



Our Work: Grades 7-8

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↔ SHARED

Picture Study
Recitation: Grades 7-8
Music: Level 5

Geography

Geography: Grade 8 (U.S.)

2 times/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 8



Our States Have Crazy Shapes

by Lynn Garthwaite ISBN/ASIN: 978-0997396706

→ **RATIONALE:** Short chapter vignettes will explain how states ultimately received their shapes. Each state has a story and reason for having the border lines they do. Students will sketch their own maps based on what they learn.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)



Student World Atlas 6th Ed.

by National Geographic ISBN/ASIN: 978-1426373435 ✓ REFERENCE

→ RATIONALE: This atlas is used across the curriculum as a reference and as a text to read in some lessons. With interesting information and pictures, this is an economical reference for students.

→ May sub: other atlases; however, map work and other lessons refer specifically to this one.

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

Geography: Grade 2 (U.S.)
Geography: Grades 4–6
Geography: Grade 7 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 3 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 8 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 8 (Canada)
Story of Arithmetic: Part 1
Story of Arithmetic: Part 2



United States Atlas 7th Ed.

by National Geographic Kids ISBN/ASIN: 978-1426375248 ✓ REFERENCE

→ RATIONALE: This atlas is used across the curriculum as a reference and as a text to read in some lessons. With interesting information and pictures, this is an economical reference for students.

NOTE: Optional for Grade 1. For U.S. students.

→ May sub: earlier edition. Other atlases may be used; however, map work and other lessons refer specifically to this one.

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Term 1 (Selections)
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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

Geography: Grade 1
Geography: Grade 7 (U.S.)
Resources: Grade 9
Resources: Grade 10
Resources: Grade 11
Resources: Grade 12
Geography: Grade 2 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 3 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 8 (U.S.)



Westward with Fremont: The Story of Solomon Carvalho

by Sophie Greenspan ISBN/ASIN: 978-0827613133

→ RATIONALE: This book tells the true story of Solomon Nunes Carvalho, a Jewish artist and early photographer who joined explorer John C. Frémont on a dangerous expedition across the American West in the 1850s. Students will come to see how maps were made from firsthand observation and why accurate geographic knowledge mattered for exploration and expansion. It is a fascinating read that follows the challenges of exploration—extreme weather, lack of supplies, illness, and difficult terrain.

NOTE: Use option one link to receive discount.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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Term 2 (Partial Term)

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This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon

by Nancy Plain ISBN/ASIN: 978-0803248847

→ **RATIONALE:** It tells the story of Audubon's (1785–1851) life as a naturalist, artist, and explorer in early America. The book follows his journeys through forests, swamps, and frontier settlements as he studied and painted North American birds in their natural habitats.

Alt. Formats:

Ebook

Audiobook

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↔ SHARED

Geography: Grade 7 (U.S.)

Geography: Grade 8 (U.S.)

Geography: Grade 8 (Canada)

2 times/week 30 min *  GRADE(S): 8



Canadian Student Atlas

by Collins Maps ISBN/ASIN: 978-0007946952 ✓ REFERENCE

→ **RATIONALE:** Used across the curriculum as a reference and as a text to read in some lessons. With interesting information and pictures, this is an economical reference for students.

NOTE: For Canadian students only. Optional for Grade 1.

→ May sub: other atlas; however, map work and other lessons refer specifically to this one.

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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↔ SHARED

Geography: Grade 8 (Canada)

Geography: Grade 7 (Canada)



Draw the Natural Wonders of Canada and Greenland: Geography Disguised as Fun

by Kristin Draeger ISBN/ASIN: 979-8878546386

→ **RATIONALE:** After having mapped each of the Canadian provinces and territories – learning their boundaries, capitals, and major landmarks – students will then use this book for a more in-depth exploration of regional geography. Working from map templates, students will proceed to learn about and map the mountains, rivers, and lakes in Canada, and illustrate their maps with drawings of local flora and fauna.

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Term 1 (Partial Term)

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Student World Atlas 6th Ed.

by National Geographic ISBN/ASIN: 978-1426373435 ✓ REFERENCE

→ **RATIONALE:** This atlas is used across the curriculum as a reference and as a text to read in some lessons. With interesting information and pictures, this is an economical reference for students.

→ May sub: other atlases; however, map work and other lessons refer specifically to this one.

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↔ SHARED

Geography: Grade 2 (U.S.)
Geography: Grades 4–6
Geography: Grade 7 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 3 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 8 (U.S.)
Geography: Grade 8 (Canada)
Story of Arithmetic: Part 1
Story of Arithmetic: Part 2



Vanished Beyond the Map

by Adam Shoalts ISBN/ASIN: 978-0735236868

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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↔ SHARED

Geography: Grade 8 (Canada)
Canadian History: Grades 9–10

History

History: Grades 7–8 (U.S.)

GRADE(S): 7–8

U.S. History: Grades 7–8

2 times/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7–8



A History of US: Liberty for All? 1820–1860

by Joy Hakim ISBN/ASIN: 978-0195327199

→ **RATIONALE:** This volume is a great spine that covers the times and events between 1820–1860. Through the use of engaging narrative, photographs and primary sources, Hakim helps students get a feel for the US during a time of westward expansion, railroad building, and industrialization.

NOTE: Available on Learning Ally with Audio.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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Sacajawea

by Joseph Bruchac ISBN/ASIN: 978-0152064556

→ **RATIONALE:** By blending careful historical research with storytelling, Bruchac presents the Lewis and Clark expedition through an Indigenous perspective. This novel helps students see Sacajawea as a complex, intelligent young woman whose language skills, cultural knowledge, and resilience were essential to the expedition's survival.

NOTE: Available on Learning Ally with Audio.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind and American Friendship

by Russell Freedman ISBN/ASIN: 978-0544668270

→ **RATIONALE:** This book explores the Civil War era through the evolving relationship of these two highly influential men. It is a fascinating look into how real people grappled with the moral issues of the day.

NOTE: Available on Learning Ally with Audio.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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A Year in the South: 1865

by Stephen Ash ISBN/ASIN: 978-0060582487

→ **RATIONALE:** This true, nonfiction account uses letters and diaries to tell the stories of four different people over the course of 1865—both during and right after the Civil War ends. It gives the student a look into the lives of people who were maneuvering through a tumultuous change. It encourages students to see that Reconstruction was a complex time that didn't mean instant equality or peace.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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Gold Mountain

by Betty G. Yee ISBN/ASIN: 979-8765626900

→ **RATIONALE:** This historical fiction book introduces students to the Chinese immigrant experience in the 1800's when thousands of Chinese workers came to the US to work on the Transcontinental Railroad. It is the story of a young Chinese girl who disguises herself as a boy and takes her deceased brother's contract to work for the Central Pacific railroad. This book helps students get a better understanding of Chinese culture, the hardships and discrimination Chinese people faced, and the hard work it took to create the transcontinental railroad.

Alt. Formats:

Ebook

Audiobook

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↔ World History: Grades 7-8

1 time/week 30 min *

| GRADE(S): 7-8



In the Shadow of the Alamo

by Sherry Garland ISBN/ASIN: 979-8657049329

→ **RATIONALE:** By reading In the Shadow of the Alamo, students will be able to step into the shoes of a fifteen-year-old boy named Lorenzo Bonifacio who is plucked up by his government and has to fight in the Texas Revolution and the Alamo. Along the way, he experiences great friendships and great loss. Through reading this fictional book, students will get to learn about Mexico and its complicated history with the United States.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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Eiffel's Tower for Young People

by Rebecca Steffof ISBN/ASIN: 978-1609809171

→ **RATIONALE:** Set in the late 1800s, the book follows engineer Gustave Eiffel and his team as they design and construct the tower for the 1889 Paris World's Fair, a celebration of modern industry and innovation. The book places the Eiffel Tower in a global context, helping students see how world's fairs, new technologies, and urban growth reflected broader historical shifts that were affecting many countries at the time. Students will also be introduced to other famous figures of that time including Annie Oakley, Dinah Salifou (king of Nalu people of Guinea), the Shah of Persia and the Van Gogh brothers. Architecture will also be integrated into the lesson plans.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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↔ Ancient History: Grades 7-9

1 time/week 30 min * | GRADE(S): 7-9



A Short History of Ancient Rome

by Pascal Hughes ISBN/ASIN: 978-1335001320

→ **RATIONALE:** This book charts the dramatic twists and turns of the Roman kingdom, the republic, the empire and its decline. Pascal Hughes writes the history in a popular form that is engaging and easy to understand. Students will walk away from the reading with a deep understanding of one of the most powerful nations in the world.

NOTE: The first few chapters contain sensitive content and will not be assigned to students. Next year's ancient history rotation is 100 B.C.–350 A.D. Therefore, students will begin with ch.6 when Sulla becomes dictator.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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The Witness of Early Christian Women: Mothers of the Church

by Mike Aquilina ISBN/ASIN: 978-1612788029

→ **RATIONALE:** Source documents/writings alongside short biographies of women and their impact in the early church.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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History: Grades 7-8 (Canada)

GRADE(S): 7-8

Canadian History: Grades 7-8

2 times/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8



The Story of Canada

by Janet Lunn, Christopher Moore ISBN/ASIN: 978-1443119542

→ **RATIONALE:** Canadian history is told through rich narrative, recreations of daily life, folk tales, and fascinating facts.

→ May sub: previous edition. Page numbers will differ from lesson plans.

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

Canadian History: Grades 5-6
Canadian History: Grades 7-8



Elijah of Buxton

by Christopher Paul Curtis ISBN/ASIN: 978-0439023450

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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↔ World History: Grades 7-8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8



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↔ Ancient History: Grades 7-9

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-9



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SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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Latin

Latin 2 (Independent Study)

2 times/week 45 min *

GRADE(S): 8+



North American Cambridge Latin Unit 2 5th Ed. Student Book

by Cambridge School Classics Project ISBN/ASIN: 978-1107699007

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains comic strips and narrative stories in Latin, grammar exercises, vocabulary, and historical notes.

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↔ SHARED

Latin 2 (Independent Study)
Latin 2 (Video Course)

OPTIONAL**Cambridge Latin Unit 2 Online Resources**

→ **RATIONALE:** Elevate is a subscription service that includes a digital version of the student book, audios of the stories, online games, and practice. This is helpful for students who are learning Latin independently.

NOTE: If you are using an older edition of the text that does not have a code in the front of the book, you must email Cambridge in order to purchase

Elevate/Cambridge Go. [cambridgeelevatehelp.cambridge.org/hc/en-gb/requests/ne](https://cambridgeelevatehelp.cambridge.org/hc/en-gb/requests/new)w

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS
[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

**Cambridge Latin Units 1-4 Teacher Manual (1 Year Digital Access)**

by Cambridge School Classics Project ISBN/ASIN: 9781316640487

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains important teaching tips.

NOTE: Students using Unit 1 Companion course by Alveary do not need this book. Please call the Cambridge University Press Customer Service team at 1-800-872-7423 (toll-free) or email them at usschools@cambridge.org to purchase. There is also a 4 Year Digital Access option with ISBN 9781316640524.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS
↔ **SHARED**
Latin 1 (Independent Study)
Latin 2 (Independent Study)
Latin 3
Latin 4

Latin 2 (Video Course)

2 times/week 45 min *
2 times/week 15 min *or_

GRADE(S): 8+



Alveary Exclusive Cambridge Latin Unit 2 Online Course

by Angela Reed

→ **RATIONALE:** Video course taught by a master teacher in our Alveary course platform.

NOTE: Students will receive a year of access to our online platform starting Aug 1st, and lessons will be released throughout the year. Click the link for details on the course calendar, samples, and more.

Materials needed: Student book

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↔ **SHARED**
Latin 2 (Independent Study)
Latin 2 (Video Course)

OPTIONAL



Lars Romam Odit: A Latin Novella

by Andrew Olimpi ISBN/ASIN: 979-8627942636

→ **RATIONALE:** Written with the novice-level reader of Latin in mind—low unique word count, a full glossary, and many illustrations—Lars Romam Odit is an ideal first encounter in an exciting period of Roman history.

NOTE: Only needed if using Alveary Online course.

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#)

Life Skills

Sloyd: Level 7

1 time/week 45 min

GRADE(S): 8+



Sloyd

by Everett Schwartz ISBN/ASIN: B0088EQHCU

→ **RATIONALE:** This book contains models of geometric solids that support the study of geometry.

NOTE: Video tutorials for certain models provided with lesson plans. Students work independently on others.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ **SHARED**

Sloyd: Level 5
Sloyd: Level 6
Sloyd: Level 7

↔ Handicrafts

1 time/week 20 min * (Grades 2-3)

1 time/week 30 min (Grades 4-12)

GRADE(S): 2-12



The Ultimate Sashiko Sourcebook

by Susan Briscoe ISBN/ASIN: 978-1446316122

→ **RATIONALE:** Students will use the illustrations and directions in the book to learn Sashiko techniques and designs.

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Term 2

PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

Lettering: Level 2

1 time/week 20 min

GRADE(S): 8+



The Complete Book of Chalk Lettering

by Valerie McKeehan ISBN/ASIN: 978-0761186113

→ **RATIONALE:** This book includes lessons on various styles of lettering, in addition to project design, and adding dimension using chalk.

NOTE: Video tutorials provided with lesson plans.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ **SHARED**

Lettering: Level 1
Lettering: Level 2
Lettering: Level 3

Keyboarding

2 times/week 30 min

GRADE(S): 4-8



Typing.com

→ **RATIONALE:** This program uses fun activities and games to teach keyboarding fluency.

NOTE: Create a free account.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Free](#)

Literature

Literature: Grades 7-8

GRADE(S): 7-8

Lit./Mythology: Grades 7-8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8



The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist

by Margarita Engle ISBN/ASIN: 978-054454122

→ **RATIONALE:** This book is a poetic fictionalized account of famous Cuban abolitionist and author Gertrudis Gómez Avellaneda (1814-1873). Since Avellaneda wrote in Spanish, this biography allows students to get a glimpse of a significant 19th century author outside the English canon. Engle's style also provides opportunities for students to consider the differences between poetry and prose and experiment with point of view in connected composition assignments.

NOTE: Available on Learning Ally with Audio.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

SCOPE

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SHARED

Lit./Mythology: Grades 7-8
Poetry Reading: Grades 9-12



A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens ISBN/ASIN: 978-9916732922

→ **RATIONALE:** As a famous work of 19th century literature, A Christmas Carol expands students' understanding of this historical period while also nourishing them with a thought-provoking tale about greed and generosity. It is scheduled in the mythology stream as Dicken's work has become a modern myth, shaping our conceptions of Christmas and more.

NOTE: Available on Learning Ally with Audio.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

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↔ SHARED

Lit./Mythology: Grades 7-8

Lit./Mythology: Grade 5-6

OPTIONAL



The Man Who Invented Christmas directed

by Bharat Nalluri

→ **RATIONALE:** Movie based on the biographical novel by Les Standiford telling how A Christmas Carol was written.

Alt. Formats: [Video](#)

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#)



Short stories and other writings

by Various

→ **RATIONALE:** Lesson plans curate a selection of writings from a variety of 19th century authors such as Pushkin, O.Henry, Tagore, and others to give students exposure to a broader range of genres, authors, and ideas.

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Included in Lessons](#)

↔ SHARED

Lit./Mythology: Grades 7-8

General Lit.: Grades 9-10

General Lit.: Grades 11-12

General Lit: Grades 7-8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 7-8

CHOOSE ONE



Little Women

by Louisa May Alcott ISBN/ASIN: 978-0147514011

→ **RATIONALE:** A beloved piece of 19th century literature, this story follows four sisters as they grow and learn to live full and happy lives. The story is loosely set during the American Civil War and has remained popular since it was first published.

NOTE: Grades 7–8: Choose this OR Sir Gibbie.

Available on Learning Ally with Audio.

Alt. Formats: Audiobook

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[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

General Lit: Grades 7–8
General Lit.: Grades 5–6

CHOOSE ONE



Sir Gibbie

by George MacDonald ISBN/ASIN: 979-8374170245

→ **RATIONALE:** Although less well known than some of his friends, George Macdonald cast an outsized influence on his contemporaries and many 20th century writers who followed him, including C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkein. Macdonald's genius for portraying goodness and inspiring readers is on full display in this rags-to-riches tale of a mute boy from the Scotch Highlands.

NOTE: Choose this OR Little Women.

Alt. Formats: Ebook

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[Option 1](#)

CHOOSE ONE



Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

by Frederick Douglass ISBN/ASIN: 978-0486284996

→ **RATIONALE:** Students read extended selections of this classic 19th century narrative which details the author's story from slavery to freedom. For US students, this text will enhance their reading of Lincoln & Douglass in US History.

NOTE: GRADES 9+ should choose this OR Up From Slavery and Souls of Black Folk

Alt. Formats: Ebook

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[Option 1](#) [Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

General Lit: Grades 7–8
General Lit.: Grades 9–10
General Lit.: Grades 11–12

Shakespeare: Beginner Track

1 time/week 30 min * 

GRADE(S): 4–8



A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare ISBN/ASIN: 978-1501146213

→ **RATIONALE:** One of Shakespeare's most popular plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a comedy set in Greece during the 12th century. The magical setting of this play is the city of Athens and the nearby enchanted woods where fairies and their mischief reign in the moonlight.

NOTE: This is a good play for those who are newer to Shakespeare.

Alt. Formats:  [Ebook](#)  [Audiobook](#)

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PURCHASE OPTIONS

[Option 1](#) 

OPTIONAL



A Midsummer Night's Dream (Audio recording)

by Arkangel ISBN/ASIN: BOOK8FZAU

→ **RATIONALE:** Hearing a play being performed often helps students with comprehension. These professional recordings are superb.

→ May sub: LibriVox recording.

Alt. Formats:  [Audiobook](#)

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Shakespeare: Grades 5–8

1 time/week 30 min * 

GRADE(S): 5–8



The Tempest

by William Shakespeare ISBN/ASIN: 978-0743482837

→ **RATIONALE:** This play is often called a Tragedy because it has both comedic and tragic elements. It is about an overthrown Duke and his daughter who are exiled on an island. The play addresses the themes of power, betrayal, magic, slavery, and the restoration of relationships.

Alt. Formats:  [Ebook](#)  [Audiobook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Shakespeare: Grades 5–8
Plays: Grades 9–12

OPTIONAL

The Tempest (Audio recording)
by Arkangel ISBN/ASIN: BOOK8GCNRO

→ May sub: LibriVox recording

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ SHARED
Shakespeare: Grades 5–8
Plays: Grades 9–12



Henry IV Part 2
by William Shakespeare ISBN/ASIN: 978-1982157401

→ **RATIONALE:** This history play is a tale about Prince Hal falling into his father's footsteps as king. Hal's life will no longer be the same when he feels the weight of the crown.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE
Term 2

PURCHASE OPTIONS
[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ SHARED
Shakespeare: Grades 5–8
Plays: Grades 9–12

OPTIONAL

Henry IV Part 2 (Audio recording)
by Arkangel ISBN/ASIN: BOOK8A54XU

→ May sub: LibriVox recording

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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↔ SHARED
Shakespeare: Grades 5–8
Plays: Grades 9–12



The Winter's Tale
by William Shakespeare ISBN/ASIN: 978-1982122508

→ **RATIONALE:** The Winter's Tale is play divided into two halves—tragedy and redemption. It begins in the court of Leontes, King of Sicilia, whose sudden and irrational jealousy leads him to accuse his wife Hermione of betrayal. His actions cause devastating consequences, including the loss of family, friendship, and trust. This play emphasizes the power of jealousy to destroy, but the greater power of love to restore.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

SCOPE
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PURCHASE OPTIONS
[Option 1](#) [Free](#)

↔ SHARED
Shakespeare: Grades 5–8
Plays: Grades 9–12

OPTIONAL**The Winter's Tale (Audio recording)**

by Arkangel ISBN/ASIN: BOOK8GCVIK

→ May sub: LibriVox recording

Alt. Formats: Audiobook

SCOPE

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PURCHASE OPTIONSOption 1 **SHARED**

Shakespeare: Grades 5-8

Plays: Grades 9-12

Poetry: Grade 8

GRADE(S): 8

Poetry Study: Grade 8

1 time/week 20 min *

GRADE(S): 8

**A World of Poetry: Student Book**

by Michael Clay Thompson ISBN/ASIN: 978-0880927062

→ **RATIONALE:** This volume helps students understand the elements of poetry that poets use to create meaning and beautiful language. Poetic devices are examined through the reading of classic and modern poems.

NOTE: You do not need to purchase the Teacher's Manual. We will provide extra support and answers to the exercises in the lesson plans.

Alt. Formats: Ebook

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PURCHASE OPTIONSOption 1**Poetry Reading: Grade 8**

4 times/week 5 min *or_

GRADE(S): 8



Over the River and Through the Wood: An Anthology of Nineteenth-Century American Children's Poetry

by Karen L. Kilcup (Editor) & Angela Sorby (Editor) ISBN/ASIN: 978-1421411392

→ **RATIONALE:** A beautiful collection of 19th century children's poetry for all ages.

NOTE: Grades 5–6 can substitute A Poem for Every Day of the Year edited by Allie Esiri if desired.

→ May sub: Public domain links

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

SCOPE

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↔ SHARED

Poetry: Grades 1–4

Poetry: Grades 5–6

Poetry Reading: Grade 7

Poetry Reading: Grade 8



The Crescent Moon

by Rabindranath Tagore ISBN/ASIN: 978-1541093935

→ **RATIONALE:** This delightful collection of children's poetry was translated from Bengali into English by Tagore himself. Lesson plans will draw from this collection and include links to additional poetry by this famous 19th century author.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Poetry: Grades 1–4

Poetry: Grades 5–6

Poetry Reading: Grade 7

Poetry Reading: Grade 8

Poetry Reading: Grades 9–12



The Poet: Pauline Johnson

by David Robertson & Scott Henderson ISBN/ASIN: 978-1553794813

→ **RATIONALE:** A graphic novel biography of one of Canada's famous 19th century poets!

→ May sub: links to a short bio about Pauline Johnson (included in the lesson plans).

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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[Option 2](#)

↔ SHARED

Poetry: Grades 5–6

Poetry Reading: Grade 7

Poetry Reading: Grade 8



Jump Back, Paul: The Life and Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar

by Sally Derby ISBN/ASIN: 978-0763660703

→ **RATIONALE:** An engaging narrative telling about the life and times of Paul Laurence Dunbar, one of the most widely acclaimed American poets at the end of the 19th century. Dunbar's poetry is woven throughout the narrative so students can understand its context and significance.

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Poetry: Grades 5–6

Poetry Reading: Grade 7

Poetry Reading: Grade 8

Poetry Reading: Grades 9–12

Math

Mathematics: Grade 8

GRADE(S): 8

Algebra 1: Part 1

3 times/week 40 min *

GRADE(S): 8

CHOOSE ONE



Elementary Algebra Student Book

by Harold Jacobs ISBN/ASIN: 978-1683442554

→ **RATIONALE:** This book uses inviting narrative and everyday problems to give an introduction to Algebraic concepts. Lots of practice problems are also included.

NOTE: Choose this or Denison. The "Playlist" link will take you to a YouTube playlist where a teacher goes through the lessons.

→ May sub: Algebra 1: from derekowens.com if you prefer an online course.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Video](#)

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Algebra 1: Part 2
Algebra 1: Part 1



Elementary Algebra Teacher Guide (Revised Edition)

by Harold Jacobs ISBN/ASIN: 978-1683443254

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Algebra 1: Part 1
Algebra 1: Part 2

Geometry: Grade 8

2 times/week 40 min *

GRADE(S): 8

CHOOSE ONE**RightStart Mathematics Level G 2nd Ed. Book Bundle**

- **RATIONALE:** RightStart is based on discovery, using a wide range of manipulatives. It is an up-to-date, spiraling program that uses methods that are heavily supported by current research.
- Students new to Right Start will also need the G2S Math Set. Those who have the RS2 Math Set will need to order the G2S Set Short.

NOTE: Choose this or Denison. The "Free" link will take you to a YouTube playlist where a master teacher will walk you through how these lessons are structured and how to teach them. Online class also available:
<https://store.rightstartmath.com/rightstart-mathematics-level-g-online-class/>
→ eWorkbooks are available for multiple students.

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Option 1 [Video](#)

↔ SHARED

Geometry: Grade 7
Geometry: Grade 8

↔ Math Games: Grades 1-83 times/week 15 min+ GRADE(S): 1-8**Math Card Games Kit**

by RightStart

- **RATIONALE:** Kit is recommended for those who do not use RightStart Math; kit is included in the RS2 Math Set.
- Additional recommended game titles will be listed with the Lesson Plans for each level of mathematics.

→ May sub: any games that allow students to practice math concepts and skills.

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Mathematics: Grade 8 (Denison)

GRADE(S): 8

Math Lessons: Grade 8 (Denison)5 times/week 40 min * GRADE(S): 8

CHOOSE ONE



Denison Algebra 1

by Denison

→ **RATIONALE:** Denison offers a complete high school math program with video lessons taught by a veteran teacher and homeschool dad for Pre-Algebra through Algebra 2. Pre-algebra only requires familiarity with the four basic functions (add, subtract, multiply, and divide). After Pre-Algebra, the course splits into two tracks for Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2: a track for students who don't have significant struggles but aren't enjoying math, and a Success track for students who struggle with math and need shorter lessons with more scaffolding.

NOTE: Choose this or Elementary Algebra.

If following the Denison track, you only need to purchase this text for 8th-grade math. Use this in place of Elementary Algebra AND RightStart Geometry.

Alt. Formats: [Video](#)

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↔ Math Games: Grades 1-8

3 times/week 15 min+ T

GRADE(S): 1-8



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Story of Geometry: Part 2

1 time/week 15 min

GRADE(S): 8



String, Straight-Edge, and Shadow

by Julia Diggins ISBN/ASIN: 978-1782504986

→ **RATIONALE:** Follows the development of geometry from the need to be able to engineer structures that would stand to the theoretical ideas of Pythagoras and Thales.

→ May sub: previous edition.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Story of Geometry: Part 1
Story of Geometry: Part 2

Modern Language

Upper French: Level 2

5 times/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 8+



Primary French Course Part I

by Otto Siepmann ISBN/ASIN: 978-1475234251

→ **RATIONALE:** This book teaches vocabulary and grammar through reading, writing, and spoken exercises.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Upper French: Level 1
Upper French: Level 2
Upper French: Level 3
Upper French: Level 4



French: Level 2 SoundCloud Playlist

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains audio recordings of lesson readings, interactive readings, and spoken grammar exercises.

NOTE: Available with lesson plans.

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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[Included in Lessons](#)



French: Level 2 Student Notebook

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains markable copies of lesson readings, vocabulary lists, and answers to reading questions and grammar exercises.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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[PDF](#)

Upper Spanish: Level 2

5 times/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 8+



The Tree is Older Than You Are: A Bilingual Gathering of Poems & Stories from Mexico with Paintings by Mexican Artists

by Naomi Shihab Nye ISBN/ASIN: 978-0689820878

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains poems in Spanish and English to give students deeper insight into the culture.

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↔ SHARED

Upper Spanish: Level 1
Upper Spanish: Level 2
Upper Spanish: Level 3
Upper Spanish: Level 4
Upper Spanish: Level 5



Spanish: Level 2 SoundCloud Playlist

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains audio recordings of the vignette stories.

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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Included in Lessons



Spanish: Level 2 Student Notebook

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** Contains markable copies of lesson readings, vocabulary lists, and answers to reading questions and grammar exercises.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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PDF

Music

Music: Level 5

GRADE(S): 6-12

Grades 4-6 ONLY



Our Work: Grades 4-6

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** This is a compilation of the year's Recitation, Picture Study, Hymns, Spirituals, and Folk Songs. Line drawings of artifacts from the historical time period are also included to provide students with inspiration for their Book of Centuries. We recommend printing or purchasing a copy for each student.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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Coming April 1st

↔ SHARED

Picture Study
Recitation: Grades 4-6
Music: Level 3
Music: Level 4
Music: Level 5

Grades 7–8 ONLY



Our Work: Grades 7–8

by Alveary

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[Coming April 1st](#)

↔ SHARED

Picture Study
Recitation: Grades 7–8
Music: Level 5

Grades 9–12 ONLY



Our Work: Grades 9–12

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[Coming April 1st](#)

↔ SHARED

Recitation: Grade 9
Recitation: Grade 10
Recitation: Grade 11
Recitation: Grade 12
Music: Level 5
Picture Study

↔ Composer Study

1 time/week 10 min * (Grades 2–4)
1 time/week 15 min * (Grades 5–12)

GRADE(S): 2–12



Playlist for the Year

by Alveary

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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[Coming Soon](#)

↔ Hymns & Spirituals

1 time/week 10 min *

GRADE(S): 1–12



Our Hymns, Our Heritage

by David & Barbara Leeman ISBN/ASIN: 978-0802429292

→ **RATIONALE:** This student hymnal contains multi-denominational hymns organized by the church year, with brief histories of the music and lyrics, bios of the writers, related Scripture, and other ideas to meditate upon.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ Folk Songs

1 time/week 10 min *

GRADE(S): 1-12



Like a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song

by Cynthia Grady ISBN/ASIN: 978-1728466989

→ **RATIONALE:** This is a collection of African American spirituals, along with their stories and beautiful illustrations.

NOTE: 1-2 songs from this book are chosen most years.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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Sol-fa: Level 5

1 time/week 15 min *

GRADE(S): 6-12



Fifty Steps in Sight-Singing

by Arthur Somervell ISBN/ASIN: B0088OK172

→ **RATIONALE:** Classic text to teach sight-singing.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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↔ SHARED

Sol-fa: Level 3
Sol-fa: Level 4
Sol-fa: Level 5



Sol-fa Level 5 Audio Lessons

by Alveary

NOTE: These will also be linked in the lesson plans. These will be available June 1.

Alt. Formats: [Audiobook](#)

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Physical Education

PE: Grades 7-12

GRADE(S): 7-12

↔ Playground Games

1 time/week 20 min *or_

GRADE(S): 4-12



The Ultimate Homeschool Physical Education Game Book

by Guy Bailey ISBN/ASIN: 978-0966972740

→ **RATIONALE:** This book contains time-honored and newer playground games and skill-building activities for organized sports.

→ May sub: The Physical Educator's Big Book of Sport Lead-Up Games if you have a co-op or school.

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↔ SHARED

Playground Games
Sports

↔ Sports

1 time/week 20 min *or_

GRADE(S): 4-12



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↔ SHARED

Playground Games
Sports

↔ Free Play/ Circuits

2 times/week 20 min *or_

GRADE(S): 4-12



303 Tween-Approved Exercises and Active Games

by Kimberly Wechsler ISBN/ASIN: 978-0897936200

→ **RATIONALE:** This book provides a great list of exercises that includes strength training, flexibility exercises, and cardiovascular activities. This can be used in a group or with one student.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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Science

Science: Grade 8

GRADE(S): 8

General Science: Grade 8

3 times/week 30 min * | GRADE(S): 8



The Story of Science: Newton At the Center

by Joy Hakim ISBN/ASIN: 978-1588341617

→ **RATIONALE:** This series situates facts and theories within their historical, political, and cultural context. The author tells the story of (physical) science as a process of developing knowledge that is intimately tied to human society. Ms. Hakim challenges readers to consider differing viewpoints, so as to understand science with uncommon wholeness.

NOTE: Sensitive content. Lesson plans provide support, but teachers might choose to pre-read and plan how to handle potentially controversial topics.

Available on Kindle with enhanced typesetting and Learning Ally with VoiceText.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#) [Audiobook](#)

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The Story of Science: Einstein Adds a New Dimension

by Joy Hakim ISBN/ASIN: 978-1588341624

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Alt. Formats:



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Natural History: Grade 8

1 time/week 30 min *

GRADE(S): 8



Invincible Microbe

by Jim Murphy ISBN/ASIN: 978-0544455948

→ **RATIONALE:** Murphy tells the story of an ancient and elusive microbe, weaving together ideas from science, history, and ethics. This author is a master storyteller, and we can't imagine a better way to continue our journey through natural history and into the very timely topic of microbiology and infectious disease.

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Labs: Grade 8

1 time/week 45 min *or_

GRADE(S): 8



Science: Grade 8 Lab Book

by Alveary

→ **RATIONALE:** This document contains all the labs for Grade 8, including instructions, procedures, and leveled guidance for analyses and using a lab notebook. The lab book is designed to provide a foundation for the high school disciplines.

NOTE: Relevant supplies from the Grade 8 list are further detailed in the Table of Contents for the Lab Book. It is recommended that supplies are obtained either for the year or by term.

NOTE: Also included in Grade 8 Bundles with Alveary Printing store.

Alt. Formats: [Ebook](#)

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