

Fifth Grade



HISTORY

The focus in fifth grade history is the Middle Ages. They pick up after the fall of Rome and study through the Protestant Reformation. Students continue to use the Veritas Press history flashcards for the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation. Other texts include, *Famous Men of the Middle Ages*, and *Remember the Days: History for Junior Readers, Book 2 (Medieval Days)*. In addition, as they work through these resources, they build a timeline to reinforce the chronological order of historical events.



MATH

Saxon 7/6 - "Saxon teaches students using a spiral-format that consistently reviews older concepts, adding more and more information to concepts they have previously encountered."
- Saxon Teacher's Edition.

Topics include:

- ✓ Compound interest
- ✓ Functions and coordinate graphing
- ✓ Integers
- ✓ Exponential expressions
- ✓ Divisibility concepts
- ✓ Prime factorization
- ✓ Ratios

Goals include:

- ✓ Fluently and accurately multiply and divide non-negative fractions and explain the inverse relationship between multiplication and division with fractions.
- ✓ Fluently and accurately multiply and divide non-negative decimals.
- ✓ Evaluate mathematical expressions when the value for each variable is given.
- ✓ Determine the perimeter and area of a composite figure that can be divided into triangles, rectangles, and parts of circles.



ENGLISH COMPOSITION

To boost their understanding of grammar, students use the text *God's Gift of Language B*. Additionally, students continue working through the Institute for Excellence in Writing program with *Fables, Myths and Fairy Tales Writing Lessons in Structure and Style* to develop their writing skills and techniques.



LITERATURE

The classical purpose for teaching literature is to cultivate wisdom and virtue within a student so he or she is better able to know and enjoy God and the world He has made. To that end, HCA chooses genuine classics that lift students from the realm of mere pragmatism to the realm of ideals (virtue, truth, beauty) so that they develop the capacity to "think God's thoughts after Him" as they encounter them in the Scriptures. In fifth grade those titles include:

- ✓ *Carry On Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham
- ✓ *The Door in the Wall* by De Angeli
- ✓ *The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Roger Lancelyn Green
- ✓ *Secret Garden* by Francis Hodgson Burnett
- ✓ *King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table* by Roger Lancelyn Green

At the end of fifth grade, students are able to read, discuss, and evaluate passages similar to the following:

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch pg.196

Though tonight promised to be a good one for taking a lunar, Nat worked stubbornly at his checking of Moore's tables. Once he thought he heard his door open. He started, wheeled, and broke out in a cold sweat. This had to stop! He slammed Moore's book shut, picked up his sextant and slate, and went topside. Deliberately, he went forward, beyond the waist of the ship, and stood at the larboard rail, facing the water. I'll stand here, he told himself, till I get over being a fool!



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MEMORY WORK

Our students build a wide base of factual knowledge through recitations, chants, and jingles. Some specific passages include:

- ✓ Genesis 1:27-31
- ✓ Matthew 5
- ✓ Matthew 6
- ✓ Matthew 7
- ✓ Psalm 46
- ✓ Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 61-72
- ✓ Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution
- ✓ The Gettysburg Address
- ✓ Church fathers
- ✓ Church reformers
- ✓ European rulers
- ✓ Renaissance artists and works of art



GEOGRAPHY

In fifth grade, students learn about the geography corresponding to the places they study in the history texts.

- ✓ European Seas/Islands/Mountains
- ✓ European Buildings/Cathedrals
- ✓ European Countries/Cities
- ✓ Asia Countries/Cities
- ✓ Asia Seas/Islands/Mountains
- ✓ Mongol Empire



OTHER

- ✓ Weekly Art, Music, PE, and Chorale classes



LATIN

Having finished *First Form Latin*, fifth grade students advance to *Second Form Latin*, the second in a four year series. The focus of the First Form Series is the Latin grammar and a small, usable, vocabulary. Topics covered in fifth grade include:

- ✓ Review all of the material from First Form Latin
- ✓ Personal and possessive pronouns
- ✓ Prepositions
- ✓ Present and perfect system indicative verbs
- ✓ Passive voice verbs
- ✓ Various Latin sayings, prayers, and songs

