

2026-2027
7th-12th Class Descriptions/Book List

7th & 8th Grade - Life Science

The aim of this class is to give you a better appreciation and understanding for life as God created it and to help you better develop your inquiry skills by using the scientific method. (And hopefully, have fun, while doing so!) There will be a fee for this class collected at the end of the year to cover the cost of copies, dissection specimens, and lab supplies. (Cost will be kept at \$20/student or less.) Tests will be provided to take at home. This course will cover the following subjects: cell structures and activities, photosynthesis, cellular respiration, genetics, heredity, viruses, bacteria and other single-celled organisms, fungi, plants, animals, and creation versus evolution. The first half of class will include a lecture, followed by experiments and activities. There will be approximately 30-40 minutes of homework/day. This course includes a lab component. You will become proficient in using a microscope and making both a wet and dry mount slide. You will dissect your own owl pellet and earthworm. Several other specimens will be dissected together in a group setting. An optional unit on the human body systems may also be completed on your own at home, to round out your study of life science.

Required Textbooks: *BJU Life Science* (5th edition, can be found used). ISBN: 9781628564013
BJU Life Science Activities (5th edition) *TBD if actually needed* ISBN: 9781628564020

7th & 8th Grade - Writing and Literature Class

In this class we will focus on writing, grammar, reading with literary analysis, comprehension, and vocabulary, and the fundamentals of speech. Writing will include: note making, outlines, writing from notes, retelling narrative stories, summarizing reference work, writing from pictures, inventive writing, and formal essay writing (MLA formatting will be reviewed and at least one paper will require the use of MLA). Reading will include 4 literary works, as well as short stories and poems used during class time. There will be an oral presentation required.

Required Textbooks:

- *Structure and Style for Students: Year 1 Level B (Binder and Student Packet)*
ISBN: 978-1-62341-507-5 **This can be purchased without a binder, but you will need to provide a binder and dividers if you choose to buy it without**
- *Fix it Grammar: Robin Hood Student Book Level 3 (4th edition)* ISBN: 978-1-62341-361-3
- *Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (fiction: Square Fish by MacMillan version)*
ISBN: 978-0-312-36981-1
- *The Story of My Life by Helen Keller (autobiography: Scholastic Biography version. It will likely need to be bought second hand: Ebay, Thriftbooks, or Abe Books)* ISBN: 9780590443531
- *Black Beauty by Anna Sewell (fiction: Scholastic Classics version. It will likely need to be bought second hand: Ebay, Thriftbooks, or Abe Books)* ISBN: 978-0439228909

- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes (fiction. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt version) ISBN: 978-0-547-61432-8

7th - 9th Grade - Early American History

Member Cost: \$0

Drop off cost: \$200

This class will begin with the exploration and founding of America and trace the path of America's history until the end of the Civil War. The American Republic text demonstrates our unique American values and government and reinforces the importance of understanding our history. Weekly assignments will include reading and interpreting the text, researching related topics, understanding maps, and engaging in class participation. Students will complete projects and give presentations, as well as completing other writing assignments to reinforce what they are learning. Unit tests will summarize the students' understanding of their studies. A trip to Massachusetts may be taken at the end of the year to give students the opportunity to experience, in person, some of the historic places they learned about throughout the year.

Required Textbooks:

- *The American Republic, Author - BJU Press, Copyright Year – 2009, 3rd ed. ISBN - 978-1-59166-706-3 (*Note a 4th and 5th edition is also available but is not the correct text.)*

9th - 12th Grade Science - Anatomy & Physiology

Member Cost: \$0

Drop off cost: \$200

Anatomy & Physiology introduces students to the structure and function of the human body. Through lecture, lab activities, and dissection, students explore major organ systems and how they work together to maintain health. This class is especially helpful for students interested in medicine, nursing, or health sciences. There will be an added class fee at the end of the year for lab materials.

Required Textbooks: *Wonders of the Human Body Volume 1* by Master Books
ISBN 13 9781683442776
Wonders of the Human Body Volume 2 by Master Books
ISBN 13 9781683442783

9th - 12th Writing and Literature

Member Cost: \$0

Drop off cost: \$TBD

This course is currently being planned but will have a British Literature emphasis.

Required Textbooks: TBD

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10th - 12th Modern World History and World Religions

Member Cost: \$0

Drop off cost: \$200

This course is designed to examine world history starting after the Renaissance and Reformation and continuing to the present day. Study will center on analyzing major people, events, religions, and movements throughout this portion of history. Special focus will be placed on reading historical primary sources and discussing global issues.

Required Textbooks:

- Exploring World History Curriculum Package, Publisher: Notgrass History ISBN: 978-1-609-99064-0
- The Compact Guide to World Religions. ISBN 1-55661-704-6

7th-12th Spanish I Class - Entire Year

Member Cost: \$0

Drop off cost: \$200

This Spanish 1 course will cover pronunciation and the use of words in greetings, questions, and answers, and in daily conversation related to days, numbers, places, time, weather, months, action, food, etc. Each week students will have daily independent tasks and exercises to reinforce the lessons. There will also be a weekly Spanish Bible verse. Tests will cover three chapters at a time.

Required Textbooks:

- *Abeka Spanish 1A Por todo el mundo* by Steven A. Guemann
 - *Abeka Spanish 1B Por todo el mundo* by Steven A. Guemann
- (Used copies can be found online. Please note--these books are gray in color with various world flags pictured on them. Also note--a Spanish 1B book may come sold in a set with book 1A. 1B will be used the following year in our Spanish 2 course.)*

7th-12th Gym Class - Spring Semester *TBD if offering

Member Cost: \$0

Drop off cost: \$100

This class will consist of a variety of organized activities and sports for the students to participate in. No tests or grades will be given.

Required Textbooks: N/A