



# Veritas Academy

A Center for Classical Christian Learning  
Savannah, Georgia

## 7<sup>h</sup> Grade Grammar/Composition -- Syllabus      **Term:** 2011-2012

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**Course Description:** This class has three main components: composition, grammar, and vocabulary. Following the text of *Warriner's English Composition and Grammar*, students will review, develop, and acquire new knowledge and skill in the use of the English language. The year's work in composition will begin with an introduction to the writing process. From there, students will practice writing stories, mostly from their personal experiences. After writing narratives, students will write four different types of paragraphs: narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive. Expanding beyond paragraphs, students will write expository compositions which will include summaries and reports. Time permitting, students will end the year with some practice in writing letters.

Undergirding their compositional skills, students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade will continue to study English grammar. Students will begin the year by analyzing the structure of the sentence. From there they will focus on how words act as parts of speech, how words form phrases, and how words combine to form clauses, in increasing complexity. As students learn about how to use words, they will also learn the proper use of punctuation and capitalization. The goal of grammar study is to give students a greater understanding of the structure of English so as to read and write with increasing facility and skill.

For vocabulary development students will study a workbook called *Vocabulary from Classical Roots B*. This vocabulary workbook groups words according to their Latin or Greek roots. This approach will help students see the multiplicity of words and meanings derived from Latin and Greek forms and thus become more precise in their choice of words in speech and writing. A test will be given after every two to three lessons. In order for students to retain the words in their long term memory, the tests will be cumulative, containing words from previous lists.

**Textbook:** *Warriner's English Composition and Grammar: Second Course*. Benchmark Edition. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers, 1988.

**Student Materials:** Sections in a 3-ring binder, loose leaf paper, pencil and pens for writing and red pens for editing and correcting. Also a spiral notebook to use for a journal (size approximately 8 x 10 ½ inches and 50-75 pages; buy a thicker notebook if the student likes to write).

**Evaluation:** Tests 45%  
 Compositions 30%  
 Homework 20%  
 Participation 5%

### Weekly Outline:

<i>Week</i>	<i>Composition</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>Vocabulary</i>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</u>			
1	Overview of Textbook Chap 1: Writing and Thinking	Chap 10: The Sentence Chap 22: Capital Letters Chap 22: Capital Letters	Chap 28 of Warriner's Chap 1
2	Chap 1: Writing and Thinking	Chap 11: The Parts of Speech	Chap 1-2
3		Noun, Pron, Adj Chap 25: Spelling	Chap 2
4	Chap 1: Writing and Thinking	Verb, Adv	Review & TEST
5		TEST, Prep., Conj., Int.	Chapter 3
6		Chap 17: Agreement	Chapter 3-4
7	Chap 1: Writing and Thinking	Chap 29: Studying & Test Taking	Chapter 4
8		Chap 25: Spelling, Review	Review & TEST
9	Review	TEST	Chapter 5
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u>			
10	Chap 2: Writing Paragraphs Structure & Development	Chap 13: Complements	Chapter 5-6
11	Chap 2: Writing Paragraphs Structure & Development	Chap 13: Complements	Chapter 6
12	Chap 4: Writing Stories	Chap 25: Spelling	Review & TEST
13		TEST & Chap 14: The Phrase	Chapter 7
14	Chap 4: Writing Stories	Chap 14: The Phrase	
13	Chap 4: Writing Stories	Review & TEST	Chapter 7-8
15	Chap 4: Writing Stories	Chap 23: End Marks, Commas	Chapter 8
16	Chap 8: Writing Complete Sentences	Chap 15: The Clause Chap 25: Spelling	Review & TEST
17	Chap 8: Writing Complete Sentences	Chap 15: The Clause Chap 23: Semicolons, Colons	Chapter 9
18	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER FINAL	Chap 18: Using Verbs Correctly	Chapter 9-10
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</u>			
19	Chap 3: 4 Types of Paragraphs		Chapter 10
20	Chap 3: 4 Types of Paragraphs	Chap 16: Kinds of Sent. Structure	Review & TEST
21	Chap 3: 4 Types of Paragraphs	Chap 19: Using Pronouns Chap 25: Spelling	Chapter 11
		Review & TEST	
22	Chap 5: Writing Exposition	Chap 20: Using Modifiers	Chapter 11-12
23	Chap 5: Writing Exposition	Chap 20: Using Modifiers	Chapter 12
24	Chap 5: Writing Exposition	Review, Chap 25: Spelling	Review & TEST
25	Chap 9: Writing Effective Sent.	Chap 27: Using the Library	Chapter 13
26	Chap 9: Writing Effective Sent.	Review & TEST	Chapter 13-14
27		Chap 25: Spelling	Chapter 14
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</u>			

28	Chap 6: Summaries & Reports		Review & TEST
29	Chap 6: Summaries & Reports		Chapter 15
30	Chap 6: Summaries & Reports	Chap 21: Glossary of Usage	Chapter 15-16
		Chap 25: Spelling	
31	Chap 6: Summaries & Reports	Chap 24: Italics, Quotation Marks	Chapter 16
32	Chap 6: Summaries & Reports	Chap 24: Apostrophes, Hyphens	Review & TEST
33	Chap 7: Writing Letters	TEST, Chap 30: Speaking	Chapter 17
34	Chap 7: Writing Letters	Chap 31: Listening	Chapter 17-18
35		Review	Chapter 18
36		Review	Review & TEST
	2 <sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER FINAL		

(This is a tentative schedule. Adjustments will be made as the class progresses.)