



Veritas Academy

A Center for Classical Christian Learning
Savannah, Georgia

8th Grade Grammar/Composition – Syllabus

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Course Description: This course has three main components: grammar, composition and vocabulary. Following the text of *English Composition and Grammar*, students will learn how words act as parts of speech, how these parts are combined to form proper sentences, how sentences are combined to form paragraphs, and how paragraphs are combined to form compositions. As they work on their composition skills, they will also learn to use proper capitalization and punctuation. Students will receive handouts and reference pages, and they are expected to take notes in class. Worksheets will be assigned to review concepts taught in class. Periodic tests will be given to evaluate the students' progress.

For vocabulary development students will study a workbook called *Vocabulary from Classical Roots C*. This 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 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: *English Composition and Grammar: Fourth Course*. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

Student Materials: Sections in a 3-ring binder
looseleaf paper
pencil
black pen for writing
red pen for editing and correcting

Evaluation:	Tests	50%
	Compositions	30%
	Homework	15%
	Participation	5%

Schedule of Study:**1st Semester**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
1-3	1, 13, 23
4-6	7, 14, 32
7-9	15, 28, review
10-12	2, 11, 16, 24
13-15	3, 12, 17, 29
16-17	4, 18, 19
18	review/exam

2nd Semester

<u>Week</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
1-3	5, 20, 25
4-6	8, 27, 31
7-8	33, 30
9	review/exam
10-12	6, 9
13-15	10, 26
16-17	21, 22
18	review/exam