



Veritas Academy

A Center for Classical Christian Learning
Savannah, Georgia

6th Grade Grammar/Composition -- Syllabus Term: 2011-2012

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Course Description: 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 explanations and reports. Time permitting, students will end the year with some practice in writing letters.

Undergirding their compositional skills, students in 6th 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.

Textbook: *Warriner's English Composition and Grammar: First 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>
<u>1st Quarter</u>		
1	Overview of Textbook Chap 1: Writing and Thinking	Chap 10: The Sentence

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3	Chap 1: Writing and Thinking	Chap 11: The Parts of Speech : Noun, Pron, Adj Chap 25: Spelling
4	Writing History Mini-Reports	Chap 11: Verb, Adv, Prep, Conj, Interj
5	Chap 8: Writing Complete Sent	Review and TEST
6	Chap 8: Writing Complete Sent	
7	Chap 8: Writing Complete Sent	Chap 29: Studying & Test Taking
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9	Review &TEST	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>		
10	Chap 2: Writing Paragraphs	Chap 13: Complements Chap 28: Vocabulary
11	Chap 2: Writing Paragraphs	Chap 13: Complements Chap 17: Agreement
12	Chap 2: Writing Paragraphs	Chap 25: Spelling Chap 27: Using the Dictionary Chap 28: Vocabulary Chap 17: Agreement
13	Chap 2: Writing Paragraphs	Review &TEST
14	Chap 4: Writing Narration & Description	Chap 14: The Phrase Chap 22: Capital Letters
15	Chap 4: Writing Narration & Description	Chap 14: The Phrase Review & TEST
16	Chap 4: Writing Narration & Description	Chap 23: Endmarks, Commas, Semicolons, Colons Chap 18: Using Verbs Correctly
17	Review	
18	TEST	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>		
19	Chap 3: Writing Paragraphs	Chap 15: The Clause Chap 25: Spelling
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21	Chap 3: Writing Paragraphs	Chap 16: Kinds of Sent. Structure Chap 28: Vocabulary
22	Chap 5: Writing Exposition	Chap 16: Kinds of Sent. Structure
23	Chap 5: Writing Exposition	Review & TEST
24	Chap 5: Writing Exposition	Chap 24: Italics, Quotation Marks, Apostrophes, Hyphens Chap 25: Spelling
25	Chap 9: Writing Effective Sent.	Chap 30: Speaking Chap 31: Listening
26	Chap 9: Writing Effective Sent.	Review & TEST
27		Chap 25: Spelling Chap 28: Vocabulary
<u>4th Quarter</u>		
28	Chap 6: Explanations and Reports	Chap 19: Using Pronouns Correctly
29	Chap 6: Explanations and Reports	Chap 19: Using Pronouns Correctly
30	Chap 6: Explanations and Reports	Chap 19: Using Pronouns Correctly Chap 25: Spelling
31	Chap 6: Explanations and Reports	Review & TEST
32	Chap 6: Explanations and Reports	Chap 20: Using Modifiers Correctly
33	Chap 7: Writing Letters	Chap 20: Using Modifiers Correctly
34	Chap 7: Writing Letters	Review & TEST

		Chap 25: Spelling
		Chap 21: Glossary of Usage
35	Chap 7: Writing Letters	Review
36	TEST	

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