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Theology

What makes Spirit of Truth unique?

6th grade

Catechesis I

[Sacred Scripture](#), Spirit of Truth

7th grade

Catechesis II

[Living as a Disciple of Christ](#), Spirit of Truth

8th grade

Catechesis III

[The Communion of the Faithful](#), Spirit of Truth

9th grade

Foundations of Theology

Mere Christianity -- C.S. Lewis

Theology for Beginners -- Frank Sheed

Christian Discipleship

The Story of a Soul -- St. Therese of Lisieux

Introduction to the Devout Life -- St. Francis De Sales

New Testament Letters -- St. Paul, St. James, St. John, St. Peter

10th grade

Old Testament

Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History -- John Bergsma

The Epic of Eden -- Sandra Richter

Ignatius Bible Edition RSV-CE translation

New Testament

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist -- Brant Pitre

New Testament Basics for Catholics -- John Bergsma

11th grade

Catholic Morality

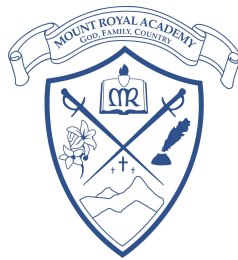
Veritatis Splendor -- St. John Paul II

Catechism of the Catholic Church -- Libreria Editrice Vaticana

Catholic Social Teaching

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Rerum Novarum -- Pope Leo XIII
Quadragesimo Anno -- Pope Pius XI
Laborem Exercens -- St. John Paul II

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Faith and Reason

Christianity and the Crisis of Cultures -- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Orthodoxy -- G.K. Chesterton
Dialogue with Trypho -- Justin Martyr

Apologetics

The Case for Jesus -- Brant Pitre
Letters to a Young Catholic -- George Weigel

Literature

For each grade, there are required readings listed. There are also additional novels, short stories, and poems to choose from in order to give the teacher some creative liberty. This structure provides both stability and consistency to our curriculum, while allowing our teachers to teach from a place of passion.

KEY: + denotes Cana Academy literature guide available for this selection

MP denotes Memoria Press study guide available for this selection

PP denotes Progeny Press study guide available for this selection

6th grade

Good Books I

Required:

Number the Stars -- Lois Lowry (coordinates with history curriculum)

[Where the Red Fern Grows](#) -- Wilson Rawls PP

[Anne of Green Gables](#) -- L.M. Montgomery PP

Midsummer Night's Dream -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

Black Ships before Troy -- Rosemary Sutcliff

Tanglewood Tales -- Nathaniel Hawthorne

[My Side of the Mountain](#) -- Jean Craighead George +

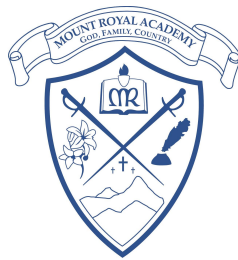
Redwall -- Brian Jacques PP

[Golden Goblet](#) -- Eloise Jarvis McGraw +

A Cricket in Times Square -- George Selden

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Short Stories:

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow -- Washington Irving

The White Umbrella -- Gish Jen

The Fun They Had -- Isaac Asimov

[The Lady or the Tiger](#) -- Frank Stockton

Poems:

Stopping by Woods -- Frost

The Road Less Taken --Frost

Dust of Snow -- Frost

I, too, Am America -- Langston Hughes

The Donkey -- Chesterton

A Prayer for Spring -- Frost

Casey at the Bat -- Thayer

Composed Upon Westminster Bridge -- Wordsworth

Hope is the Thing with Feathers -- Dickenson

7th grade

Good Books II

Required:

Carry on, Mr. Bowditch -- Jean Lee Latham PP (coordinates with history curriculum)

The Witch of Blackbird Pond--Elizabeth Speare

The Giver -- Lois Lowry PP

Tom Sawyer -- Mark Twain PP

The Tempest -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

The Wanderings of Odysseus -- Rosemary Sutcliff

Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry -- Mildred Taylor PP

Call of the Wild -- Jack London

[Far Traveler](#) -- Rebecca Tingle

[King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table](#) -- Roger Lancelyn Green (MP)

[The Adventures of Robin Hood](#) -- Roger Lancelyn Green (MP)

Short Stories:

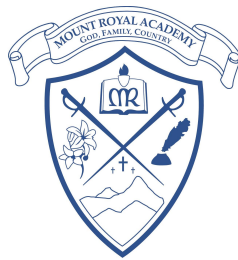
Mythology -- Edith Hamilton (excerpts)

[Father Brown mysteries](#) -- G. K. Chesterton

[Harrison Bergeron](#) -- Kurt Vonnegut

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[The Tell-Tale Heart](#) -- Edgar Allen Poe

The Monkey's Paw -- W.W. Jacobs

Poems:

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere -- Longfellow

O Captain! My Captain! -- Walt Whitman\

As Kingfishers Catch Fire -- Gerard Manley Hopkins

When the Year Grows Old -- Edna St. Vincent Millay

September, the first day of school -- H. Nemerow

The Schoolboy -- William Blake

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings -- Maya Angelou

Gathering Leaves-- R. Frost

The Need of Being Versed in Country Things -- R. Frost

Christ's Nativity -- Southwell

8th grade

Good Books III

Required:

[The Bronze Bow](#) - Elizabeth George Speare + (coordinates with history)

[The Hobbit](#) -- J.R.R. Tolkein +

Little Women - Louisa May Alcott PP

[A Christmas Carol](#) -- Charles Dickens +

Twelfth Night -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

Diary of a Young Girl -- Anne Frank (the play, not the actual diary)

[Watership Down](#) -- Richard Adams + (471 pgs)

[Hound of the Baskervilles](#) -- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

[The Chosen](#) - Chaim Potok (WWII era) +

[Adam of the Road](#) --- Elizabeth J. Gray (MP)

[The Miracle Worker](#) -- William Gibson +

Journey to the Center of the Earth -- Jules Verne

Short Stories:

Mythology -- Edith Hamilton (excerpts)

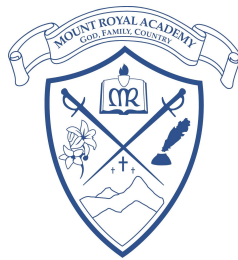
To Build a Fire -- Jack London

[A Rose for Emily](#) -- William Faulkner

[The Possibility of Evil](#) -- Shirley Jackson

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The Cask of Amontillado -- Edgar Allen Poe

Treasure in the Forest -- H.G. Wells

Poems:

Selections by Longfellow

- Woods in Winter
- Rainy Day
- The Wreck of the Hesperus
- Aftermath

God's Grandeur -- Gerard Manley Hopkins

Death Be Not Proud -- John Donne

9th grade

Great Books I

Required:

[To Kill a Mockingbird](#) -- Harper Lee +

[Out of the Silent Planet](#) -- C.S. Lewis PP

[Animal Farm](#) -- George Orwell +

Beowulf -- Anon

Julius Caesar and/or Romeo and Juliet -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

[The Old Man and the Sea](#) -- Ernest Hemingway +

Fellowship of the Ring -- J.R.R. Tolkein

The Pearl -- John Steinbeck

The Hiding Place -- Corrie ten Boom PP

[Treasure Island](#) -- R.L. Stevenson PP

[Huckleberry Finn](#) - Mark Twain

Short Stories:

Mythology -- Edith Hamilton (excerpts)

[The Lottery](#) -- Shirley Jackson

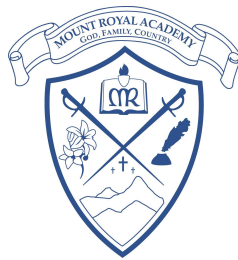
All Summer in a Day -- Ray Bradbury

The Most Dangerous Game -- Richard Connell

An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge -- Ambrose Bierce

The Story of an Hour -- Kate Chopin

The Interlopers -- H.H.Munro



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Poems:

The Charge of the Light Brigade -- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Break of Day -- John Donne

The Second Coming -- William Butler Yeats

In Flanders Fields -- John McCrae

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Great Books II

Required:

[The Scarlet Letter](#) -- Nathaniel Hawthorne +

[Pride and Prejudice](#) -- Jane Austen +

[My Antonia](#) -- Willa Cather

Oliver Twist -- Charles Dickens

Winter's Tale -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

Murder in the Cathedral -- T.S. Eliot

[A Man for All Seasons](#) -- Robert Bolt +

Screwtape Letters -- C.S. Lewis

Dr. Faustus -- Marlowe

[A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich](#) -- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn +

The Gulag Archipelago -- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Short Stories:

Carry on, Jeeves -- P.G. Wodehouse

The Selfish Giant -- Oscar Wilde

The Happy Prince -- Oscar Wilde

Billy Budd -- Melville

Bartleby the Scrivener, and other short stories -- Melville

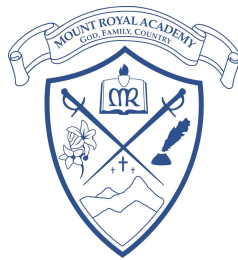
Poems:

The Raven -- Edgar Allen Poe

The Caged Skylark - Gerard Manley Hopkins

First Fig -- Edna St. Vincent Millay

Ode to Silence -- Edna St. Vincent Millay



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Great Books III

Required:

[The Great Gatsby](#) -- F. Scott Fitzgerald +

Death Comes for the Archbishop -- Willa Cather

[The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde](#) -- R.L. Stevenson PP

Canterbury Tales (excerpts)-- Chaucer **The rising junior class has already read Canterbury Tales*

Song of Roland -- Anon

Poem of the Cid -- Anon

The Merchant of Venice -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

[Crime and Punishment](#) -- Fyodor Dostoyevsky+

1984 -- George Orwell PP

[A Tale of Two Cities](#) -- Charles Dickens

The Jeweler's Shop - Wojtyla

Frankenstein --Mary Shelley PP

Until We Have Faces -- C.S. Lewis

The Great Divorce -- C.S. Lewis

Jane Eyre -- Charlotte Bronte

Short Stories:

The Gift of the Magi -- O'Henry

Two Friends -- Guy de Maupassant

Trifles -- Susan Glaspell

A Dark Brown Dog -- Stephen Crane

The Doll's House -- Katherine Mansfield

Poems:

Song of Myself -- Walt Whitman

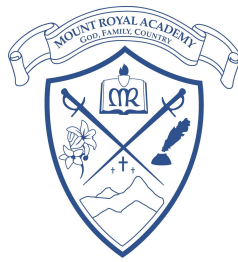
Song: Go and catch a falling star -- John Donne

The Starlight Night -- Gerard Manley Hopkins

In Praise of Solid People -- C.S. Lewis

How Do I Love Thee? -- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

She Walks in Beauty -- Lord Byron



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Great Books IV

Required:

Iliad -- Homer+

Inferno -- Dante+

Antigone -- Sophocles +

Oedipus cycle -- Sophocles

Kristin Lavransdatter, The Wreath -- Sigrid Undset

Hamlet -- Shakespeare

****The rising senior class read the Iliad and the Odyssey last year. Alternate texts will need to be chosen for this year.**

Teacher selection:

Novels:

The Man Who Was Thursday -- G. K. Chesterton

The Death of Ivan Ilyich -- Leo Tolstoy

The Betrothed -- Alessandro Manzoni

The Brothers Karamazov -- Dostoyevsky

The Everlasting Man -- G.K. Chesterton

Oresteian Trilogy -- Aeschylus +

Jayber Crow -- Wendell Berry

Short Stories:

Works by Flannery O'Connor

No Exit -- John-Paul Sartre

Poems:

Paradise Lost (excerpts) -- Milton

Ballad of the White Horse -- G.K. Chesterton

[Odyssey](#) -- Homer +

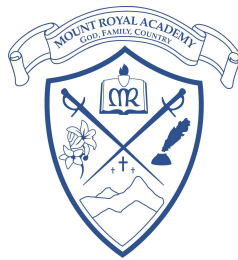
Aeneid -- Virgil

History

The Story of Civilization (TAN Publishers) program is narrative-based history curriculum, compatible with a classical pedagogy. It reflects an emphasis in presenting the history of the world as a thrilling and compelling narrative, and is filled with short stories about historical figures, legendary battles, invasions, philosophical debates, construction of architectural wonders, new scientific discoveries and inventions, and the exploration of the world. Because of the structure of this curriculum, additional reading selections are unnecessary. However,

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there is a compatible history-themed literature selection for each of these grades in the Literature section (see below).

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Modern History - Reformation - 21st Century

[The Story of Civilization Vol 3](#)

7th grade

American History

[The Story of Civilization Vol. 4](#)

8th grade

Church History

[The Story of the Church](#)

9th grade

Ancient History - Early civilization, Greece, Rome, Antiquity (Ancient to 500)

Required:

[Western Heritage: A Reader](#) -- Ancient Near East and Hebrews to Early Christianity (selections)

[Republic](#) -- Plato (excerpts including Book VII, The Good as Ultimate Object of Knowledge, The Divided Line, Allegory of the Cave)

[Apology](#) -- Plato (The Trial and Verdict of Socrates)

Teacher selection:

Theogony -- Hesiod (excerpts including The Creation, the Birth of Zeus, and Creation of Man and Woman)

Prometheus Bound -- Aeschylus

[The History of the Peloponnesian War](#) -- Thucydides (excerpts including Book Two, Funeral Oration of Pericles, Second Year of the War, The Plague and its Effects)

[Herodotus' Histories](#) (excerpts including Book VI and Book VII)

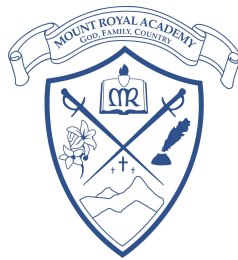
[Agamemnon](#) -- Aeschylus

[Anitgone](#) / [Oedipus the King](#) -- Sophocles

Medieval History - Early medieval, Crusades, High Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation (Europe 500-1700)

Required:

[Western Heritage: A Reader](#) -- Early Middle Ages to Scientific Revolution (selections)



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Teacher selection:

[Chronicles of the Crusades](#) -- de Joinville, Villehardouin

10th grade

American Government and Politics

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- The Apple of Gold and The Frame of Silver to the Three Branches of Government (selections)

Democracy in America -- Alexis de Tocqueville (excerpts)

US History I - Colonial Heritage to Sectionalism and Civil War (1607-1865)

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- The Founders of Slavery, The Rise of the Positive Good School, and the Roots of the Secession Crisis to Secession and Civil War (selections)

[American Heritage: A Reader](#) -- The Colonial Heritage to Sectionalism and Civil War (selections)

11th grade

US History II - Gilded Age to America Between Wars (1865-1945)

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- The Progressive Rejection of the Founding (selections)

[American Heritage: A Reader](#) -- The Gilded Age to America Between the Wars (selections)

US History III - America since World War II (1945-present)

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- Institutionalizing Progressivism: The New Deal and the Great Society (selections)

[American Heritage: A Reader](#) -- America Since World War II (selections)

Solzhenitsyn -- Harvard Commencement Address and/or Nobel Lecture

[George W. Bush](#) -- Speeches related to September 11, 2001

Griswold v. Connecticut, Roe v. Wade, & Planned Parenthood v. Casey

Antonin Scalia -- *Lawrence v. Texas, Boumediene v. Bush, District of Columbia v. Heller, Obergefell v. Hodges*

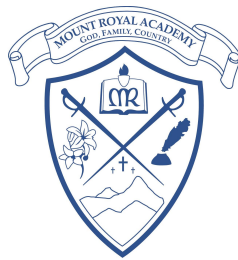
Humanities Electives

Introduction to Philosophy

Required:

[Meno](#) -- Plato

[Euthyphro](#) -- Plato



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[Phaedo](#) -- Plato

[Nicomachean Ethics](#) -- Aristotle

Poetics

Required:

Understanding Poetry, 4th Edition

The Norton Anthology of English Poetry 3rd. Edit

The Complete Rhyming Dictionary

Humanities Seminar

Required:

Rhetoric -- Aristotle

The Elements of Rhetoric -- Ryan Topping

[The Art of Argument](#) OR Socratic Logic -- Peter Kreeft

Politics

Required:

Politics -- Aristotle

On Duties -- Cicero

Treatise on Law - Aquinas

[On the Social Contract](#) -- Rousseau

[Second Treatise of Government](#) - Locke

[Letter from a Birmingham Jail and "I have a dream" speech](#) - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Economics

Required:

On Social Justice: Popular Patristics Series -- St. Basil the Great

Economics for Helen -- Hilaire Belloc

Wealth of Nations -- Adam Smith

Economic Manuscripts of 1844 (The Communist Manifesto) -- Karl Marx

Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered -- E.F. Schumacher