



TWELVE STONES CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Our humanities program is rich, providing a broad foundation of theology, literature, and primary historical documents. Since we “begin with the end in mind,” we encourage families of students of all ages to peruse this entire list and be inspired.

Examples of literature selections our kindergarten and grammar level students enjoy:

- Veritas Kindergarten Readers Series
- Little Bear, Mouse Tales, Mouse Soup, Frog and Toad All Year*, and more from Lobel
- The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh
- Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White
- Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling
- The Pilgrim’s Progress* by John Bunyan
- D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths*
- The Magician’s Nephew* by C.S. Lewis
- The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
- The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite de Angeli
- The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Beowulf*
- A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table*
- A Midsummer Night’s Dream* by William Shakespeare

Dialectic/Rhetoric selections corresponding to Ancient Studies

- Windows to the World: Literature in Christian Perspective*, Leland Ryken
- Genesis*
- Iliad, Odyssey* by Homer
- Code of Hammurabi*
- Epic of Gilgamesh*
- The Republic, The Trial and Death of Socrates* by Plato
- The Oresteia Trilogy*, Aeschylus
- Oedipus the King*, Sophocles
- Aeneid*, Virgil
- Code of Hammurabi*
- First Oration against Catiline*, Cicero
- The Twelve Caesars*, Suetonius
- Res Gestae Divi Augusti*, Augustus
- Germania & Agricola*, Tacitus
- Till We Have Faces*, C.S. Lewis
- Excerpts from: The Histories, Books III & VII, Herodotus -The Peloponnesian War, Books III & V, Thucydides -The Constitution of Athens, Aristotle -The Histories, Books III, IX, and XXXVI Polybius - Lives, Plutarch

Dialectic/Rhetoric selections corresponding to Medieval Studies

- Beowulf*
- The Bayeaux Tapestry*
- Confessions of St. Augustine, City of God* by Augustine of Hippo
- The Charter of Medina, The Last Sermon*, by Muhammad
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Pearl Poet
- The Salic Law*
- Two Lives of Charlemagne*, Lewis Thorpe
- Pope Urban II's Speech at Clermont
- Chronicles of the Crusades*, Joinville and Villehardouin
- The Magna Carta
- Inferno*, Dante Alighieri
- The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis
- Transcripts from the Trial of Joan of Arc
- Richard III*, William Shakespeare
- The Canterbury Tales*, Geoffrey Chaucer
- The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas a Kempis
- The Prince*, Niccolo Machiavelli
- The Agony & the Ecstasy*, Irving Stone
- Here I Stand*, Roland Bainton
- The Faerie Queene*, Edmund Spenser
- Renaissance Poetry by Edmund Spenser, Thomas Wyatt, William Shakespeare
- Excerpts from: The Qur'an The Hadith of Muhammad Book of the Conquests of Lands, Al-Baladhuri Crusader Letters Book of Learning, Usama ibn Munqidh The Chronicles, Enguerrand de Monstrelet The Croyland Chronicle

Selections corresponding to Early Modern Studies (AD 1500 - Civil War)

- Metaphysical Poetry by John Donne and George Herbert
- Paradise Lost*, John Milton
- The Petition of Right*
- The Grand Remonstrance*
- The English Bill of Rights*
- Leviathan*, Thomas Hobbes
- Two Treatise of Government*, John Locke
- What is the Third Estate*, Abbé Sieyès
- Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen Justification of the Use of Terror*, Robespierre
- Republican Institutes*, Saint-Just
- Common Sense*, Thomas Paine
- The Federalist Papers*, excerpts, John Jay, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison
- Farewell Address*, George Washington
- What is a Law*, Murat
- The Second Treaty of Paris*
- Romantic Poetry by William Blake, William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Lord Byron, Percy Shelley

- Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley
- The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Stevenson
- The Memoirs of Klemens von Metternich*
- Young Goodman Brown*, Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo
- Great Expectations*, Charles Dickens
- Communist Manifesto*, Karl Marx
- Crime and Punishment*, Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Walden*, selected excerpts, Henry David Thoreau
- Leaves of Grass*, excerpts, Walt Whitman
- Gone with the Wind*, Margaret Mitchell
- Gilead*, Marilynne Robinson
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, Frederick Douglass
- Excerpts from: Letters of the Tudor Monarchs Speeches of the Tudors and Stuarts Documents of the National Assembly Napoleon's Letters The Carlsbad Decrees, Klemens von Metternich Documents of the 1848 Revolution The Treaties of Versailles

Dialectic/Rhetoric selections corresponding to Modern Studies

- Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
- The Age of Innocence*, Edith Wharton
- The Wasteland*, T.S. Eliot
- The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*, T.S. Eliot
- The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald
- All Quiet on the Western Front*, Remarque
- Mein Kampf*, Hitler
- The Book Thief*, Zusak
- Alicia, My Story*, Appleman-Jurman
- Animal Farm*, Orwell
- In Our Time*, Earnest Hemingway
- Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller
- Call of the Wild*, London
- Fahrenheit 451*, Bradbury
- 10,000 Days of Thunder*, Caputo
- Born Again*, Colson
- Selected Poetry Selected Short Stories: Sarah Orne Jewett Charles Chestnut Stephen Crane Eudora Welty John Updike Andre DuBus Jack London Charlotte Perkins Gilman Flannery O'Connor Raymond Carver Wendell Berry Selected Essays: Ralph Waldo Emerson Margaret Fuller Angelina Grimke Selected Speeches and Letters: Memoirs of Otto von Bismarck The Doctrine of Fascism, Benito Mussolini Henry Clay John C. Calhoun Andrew Jackson Daniel Webster Abraham Lincoln Jefferson Davis William McKinley William Jennings Bryan Theodore Roosevelt Woodrow Wilson Harry Byrd Franklin Roosevelt Robert Taft Dwight Eisenhower John F. Kennedy Lyndon Johnson Ronald Reagan Bill Clinton George W. Bush