

## Curriculum Essentials: Grade Five

### Ancient History: 10,000 B.C. –400 A.D.

*Oxford First Ancient History* (Burrell)

Early Times Series *The Story of Ancient Egypt* by Suzanne Strauss Art Fourth Edition

Early Times Series *The Story of Ancient Greece* by Suzanne Strauss Art Fourth Edition

Early Times Series *The Story of Ancient Rome* by Suzanne Strauss Art Second Edition

- Hunters and gatherers, cave painters
- Farming and first villages
- Development of cities
- Mesopotamia
- Babylonians, Hammurabi, Sumerians
- Egyptian pharaohs
- Pyramids, mummies, polytheism
- Egypt's Dark Ages
- Phoenicians, Persians
- Ancient Pakistan—Indus River, Harappa, Mohenjo-Daro
- Ancient Europe—Stonehenge, Celts
- Ancient Crete and Minoans
- Myceneans, Dorians
- Homer and his works
- Greek city-states; Persian Wars
- Greek philosophers, thinkers, writers
- Greek Olympic Games
- Peloponnesian War
- Alexander the Great
- Hellenistic Age
- Greek science; Greek religion
- Impact of ancient Greece on Rome
- Ancient Rome
- Roman republic
- Roman emperors
- Growth of Roman Empire
- Virgil, Mark Antony
- Julius Caesar
- Caesar's death

#### **Language Arts Selections**

Creation myths

*Gilgamesh the Hero* by McCaughrean

*Black Ships Before Troy* by Sutcliff

*Little Women* by Alcott

*The Prince and the Pauper* by Twain

*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Irving

*Watership Down* by Adams

Poetry unit

#### **Read-Aloud Selections** (as time allows)

*Maroo of the Winter Caves* by Turnbull

*Malu's Wolf* by Craig

*Egyptian Diary* by Platt

*The Golden Goblet* by McGraw

*Shakespeare for Young People: Julius Caesar*

*The Wanderings of Odysseus* by Sutcliff

*In Search of a Homeland* by Lively

*White Fang* by London

*The Prince and the Golden Ax* by Lattimore

*The Roman Conspiracy* by Mitchell

*Cleopatra* by Stanley

*The Broken Tusk* by Krishnaswami



## **Curriculum Essentials: Grade Five**

### **Writing**

Paragraph formats, five-paragraph essays, and friendly letters.

### **Grammar, Mechanics, Usage, and Spelling**

*Holt Middle School Handbook* (Holt, Rinehart, Winston)

### **Science**

*Integrated Science*, McGraw-Hill 2012

Topics include: the metric system, understanding and creating maps, Earth, rocks, natural resources, ecosystems, plants, animals, cells, matter, ecosystems, energy, waves, light, sound, electricity and magnetism. Students will dissect owl pellets and either participate in or observe dozens of labs.

### **Mathematics**

*Primary Mathematics 5A and 5B*, Singapore Mathematics

### **Latin**

*Cambridge Latin Course* (all, Ch. 1-12)

Latin I Grammar and translation starts anew with the Cambridge series. Grammar includes memorizing and knowing how to use noun and verb endings, declining nouns of the first three declensions and conjugating verbs in the present, imperfect, and perfect tenses. Additional grammar topics include case usage, pronouns, and prepositional phrases. History and culture lessons follow the life of a Roman family living in ancient Pompeii.

### **Logic**

Logic - *The Fallacy Detective* by Nathaniel Bluedorn

### **Art**

*Discovering Art History*, Davis Publications

Art history: prehistoric to Roman art. Major projects: Archaeology study, Ancient Mesopotamian art, Dead Sea Scroll Pots, Egyptian mummification and sarcophagus, mask making for Aesop's fables, Art Styles through time with painting project and oral presentation. We also learn to analyze works of art and present it to the class.

### **Music**

*Share the Music Series*, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill

*My Recorder Book*, Feldstein

Solfege, countermelody, harmony, tonal center, major/minor/modes, partner songs, dotted quarter and eighth notes, percussion/drumming, Ancient music history, world music, instrumental music instruction (recorder).

### **Physical Education**

Team sports; individual and lifetime activities; fitness exercise and assessment.