



COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL

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PREP 7 ENGLISH

Textbooks:

Language Network McDougal Littell, grade 7

Vocabulary Workshop Sadlier-Oxford Level A

Prerequisites:

Admittance to Covington Latin School

Course Description:

This course will cover grammar in the English language, focusing on the sentence and the paragraph. The students will learn the basic parts of a sentence. They will learn how to build those sentences to form cohesive, well-developed paragraphs. They will use these skills to complete a variety of writing projects. They will learn vocabulary throughout the year.

Course Goals:

1. To teach the basic parts of a sentence
2. To understand how to use the parts of a sentence following correct grammar
3. To follow the steps of the writing process to formulate a well-developed paragraph
4. To write a variety of narrative, informative, and descriptive paragraphs
5. To master grade-level vocabulary

Course Objectives:

1. Students will show mastery of English grammar and the language of grammar.
2. Students will show proficiency with basic writing skills including the writing process, paragraph organization, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
4. Students will write narrative, informative, and descriptive paragraphs
5. Students will expand their use of vocabulary

Course Sequence:

Quarter 1

Subject	Topics	Assessment
Basics of the Sentence	Subject, predicates, verb phrases, compound sentences, kinds of sentences, subjects in unusual orders	quizzes, test
Nouns	Singular, plural, possessive, compound	Quizzes, test
Pronouns	Subject, object, possessive, interrogatives, pronoun-antecedent agreement	Quizzes, test
Vocabulary	parts of speech, definition, synonyms, antonyms, use	quizzes

	in a sentence	
Writing process	sentence construction and variety	writing samples

Quarter Two

Verbs	Action, objects, linking verbs, complements, irregular, verb forms, simple tenses	Quizzes, test
Adjectives	Definition, predicate adjectives	Quizzes, test
Adverbs	Definition, comparisons, avoiding double negatives	Quizzes, test
Vocabulary	parts of speech, definition, synonyms, antonyms, use in a sentence	quizzes
Writing process	descriptive writing, focusing on action verbs and use of descriptive adjective and adverbs	writing samples

Quarter 3

Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections	Phrases, Usage, definition	Quizzes, test
Verbals and Verbal Phrases	Gerunds, participles, infinitives	Quizzes, test
Vocabulary	parts of speech, definition, synonyms, antonyms, use in a sentence	quizzes
Writing process	informative writing, focusing on building more complex sentence structure	writing samples

Quarter 4

Subject-Verb Agreement	Agree in number, compound subjects, indefinite pronouns	quizzes, test
Sentence Structure	Phrases and clauses	quizzes, test
Capitalization	People, cultures, first words, titles, places, transportation, organization	quizzes, test
Punctuation	Periods, other end marks, dates, addresses, letters, quotes, semicolons, colons, hyphens, dashes, parentheses, apostrophes, titles	quizzes, test
Vocabulary	parts of speech, definition, synonyms, antonyms, use	quizzes

	in a sentence	
Writing process	narrative writing, focusing on incorporating specific details correctly into writing	writing samples