



# COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL

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## PREP 8 ENGLISH

### **Textbooks:**

Language Network Vocabulary Workshop  
McDougal Littell Sadlier-Oxford Level B

### **Prerequisites:**

Admittance to Covington Latin School

### **Course Description:**

This course will cover grammar in the English language. The students will learn the basic parts of a sentence. They will learn to diagram these various parts. They will use these skills to compile a research paper. They will learn vocabulary throughout the year. They will also demonstrate speech skills at the end of the year as a lead into Freshman speech class.

### **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 learn the basics of diagramming sentence parts
4. To learn the writing process and to apply that knowledge to writing essays
5. To write a research paper
6. To learn the basics of public speaking and creation of electronic visuals

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Students will show mastery of English grammar and the language of grammar.
2. Students will show mastery of diagramming sentences up to compound complex sentences.
3. Students will show proficiency with basic writing skills including the writing process, paragraph organization, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
4. Students will write an informative research paper.
5. Students will show proficiency in public speaking and creation of electronic visuals.

### **Course Sequence:**

#### **Quarter 1**

Subject	Topics	Assessment
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	
Sentence	Subject, predicates, verb phrases, compound sentences, kinds of	Quizzes, test,

structure	sentences, subjects in unusual orders, objects, diagrams	
Nouns	Singular, plural, possessive, compound, diagram	Quizzes, test,
<b>Quarter 2</b>		
Pronouns	Subject, object, possessive, reflexive, intensive, interrogatives, demonstratives, pronoun-antecedent agreement, indefinite	Quizzes, test,
Verbs	Action, objects, linking verbs, predicate words, irregular, simple tenses, perfect tenses, verb pairs	Quizzes, test
Adjectives	Definition, predicate adjectives, diagrams	Quizzes, test
Adverbs	Definition, comparisons, avoiding double negatives, diagram	Quizzes, test
<b>Quarter 3</b>		
Prepositions	Phrases, definition	Quizzes, test
Conjunctions		Quizzes, test
Interjections		Quizzes, test
Verbals	Gerunds, participles, infinitives	Quizzes, test
Research paper	Information literacy, MLA in-text and full text citation including works cited page, writing process, incorporating research into writing, revising others' work	Rubric, homework, multiple drafts of essay
<b>Quarter 4</b>		
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	
Sentence structure	Compound, complex, clauses	Quizzes, test
Subject-verb agreement	Agree in number, compound subjects, indefinite pronouns	Quizzes, test
<b>Each Quarter</b>		
Recreational reading	Reading books from various genre	books essay and presentation
Diagrams	Subject, verbs, compound subject and verb, adjective, adverbs, complements, direct objects, indirect objects, prepositional phrases, participles, gerunds, infinitives, compound, complex, clauses	Quizzes, test
Writing and MLA formatting	Incorporate grammar and formatting concepts into one and two-page essays	Writing prompts, book essays
Oral presentation	Create electronic visuals, develop timed presentation	Presentation with visuals

### **Evaluation:**

Students will regularly have vocabulary and writing homework. A quiz for each vocabulary unit and periodic grammar quizzes will be offered and will always be announced in advance. Each unit will be assessed with a test. Writing prompts, presentations, and essays will also be graded.