

2011/2012 HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES

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OR abeka.com OR christianbook.com

HIGH SCHOOL BRITISH LITERATURE/COMPOSITION (Mrs. Evans)

A BLOCK CLASS OF TWO HOURS, WITH ELEMENTS AS SPECIFIED BELOW:

It is not necessary for students to have taken a previous literature or writing course.

Cost: Tuition: 32 (2 hour) classes \$600

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. – Noon

BRITISH LITERATURE

Selections from the A Beka text *English Literature, Classics for Christians, Vol. 6, 2004 Edition*.

The exercises provide opportunities for literary analysis as well as for expository and creative writing. All selections and literary trends are examined from the Christian perspective.

Additionally, we will be reading aloud in class as much poetry as possible. **Please note:** Because of the difficulty of some of the British Literature material, assignments will be adjusted to fit the levels of underclassmen.

Extra Readings:

George Eliot's *Silas Marner* (A Beka edition, needed the first day of class), Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (New Folger Library edition), Milton's *Paradise Lost* (Modern Library Classics edition), and Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*. Various types of projects will be assigned on these extra readings, including a written book report. Also, each student will give one oral presentation of a teacher/parent approved, independently-read work of British literature.

Other Class Features:

The evening performance of a *Literature Pageant* in which students present self-written speeches, memorized literature selections (prose and poetry), character dialogues, character soliloquies, book reviews, musical performances, etc. Those students with a dramatic flair may perform in costume.

Required Books:

English Literature (A Beka text, #67008)

Order from A Beka Book at

Silas Marner by George Eliot
(A Beka # 82953)

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
(ISBN-10: 0553211765 OR ISBN-13: 978-0553211764)

Cliffs Notes - A Tale of Two Cities
(ISBN-10: 0764586068 OR ISBN-13: 978-0764586064)

Paradise Lost by John Milton
(ISBN-10: 9780375757969 OR ISBN-13: 978-0375757969)

Cliffs Notes - Paradise Lost

(ISBN-10: 0764586661 OR ISBN-13: 978-0764586668)

Hamlet (The Folger Library Shakespeare edition)
(ISBN-10: 9780743477123 OR ISBN-13: 978-0743477123)

Cliffs Notes - Hamlet
(ISBN-10: 0764586033 OR ISBN-13: 978-0764586033)

COMPOSITION

Students will have a writing assignment every week, with emphasis on expository writing as they study correct writing style, peer-edit, receive teacher edits, revise, and rewrite. Many of the assignments will be related to the above literature course; others will come from the teacher. The class enters the following writing contests: the Veterans of Foreign Wars *Voice of Democracy* Contest and the *Letters About Literature* Contest sponsored by the Library of Congress. In addition, assignments address the types of essays required on college applications and on the SAT's, including in-class, timed essays. For added interest, we will also touch upon creative writing, short stories and poetry.

With the teacher's guidance, students will maintain a portfolio of their work. This portfolio will show each individual student's progress, particularly their rewriting efforts and concepts mastered.

Required books:

Handbook of Grammar and Composition (A Beka #63355)

Strunk & White's *The Elements of Style*
(ISBN-10: 9780205313426 OR ISBN-13: 978-0205313426)

7, 8, 9, 10 GRAMMAR & MECHANICS (Mrs. Evans)

A comprehensive course in grammatical and mechanical elements essential for successful writing and speaking, this course covers capitalization, all marks of punctuation, locating subjects and verbs, the parts of speech and their syntax in a sentence, sentence structure, dependent clauses, and correct usage. An integral part of this course is diagramming sentences. Quizzes and tests will be administered at appropriate intervals. Students will earn a separate credit for English grammar.

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$480

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Wednesday, 1:25 – 2:25 P.M.

Required books:

Grammar and Composition II (A Beka #138258)

Grammar and Composition II, Student Quiz and Test Book (A Beka #138274)

MIDDLE SCHOOL LITERATURE/COMPOSITION/PUBLIC SPEAKING (Mrs. Evans)

It is not necessary for students to have taken a previous literature or writing course.

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$400

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Wednesday, 11:40 A.M. - 12:40 P.M.

The class will study selections from *Themes in Literature* and will have a writing or public-speaking assignment every week. Course objectives include the promotion of correct diction and expressive reading, the understanding of annotations in a literary selection, the improvement of vocabulary level, and the literary interpretation of the selections covered. The composition aspect of this course emphasizes writing coherent, organized paragraphs and short essays in response to text questions and writing exercises; opportunities to peer-edit and to do creative writing (short stories and poetry) will also be provided. Students will need the required grammar workbook in order to understand paragraph structure and paragraph organization as well as to hone mechanical skills, particularly with regard to punctuation. Each year, students have the opportunity to enter writing contests including the Veterans of Foreign Wars *Patriot's Pen* Essay Contest and the Library of Congress's *Letters About Literature Contest*. Public-speaking opportunities will be provided as students share their answers and read aloud their writings to the class; each student will also present at least one written book report and one oral book review.

With the teacher's guidance, students will maintain a portfolio of their work. This portfolio will show each individual student's progress, particularly their rewriting efforts and concepts mastered.

Please note: If necessary to fit the student's individual level, homework may be adjusted!

Required books:

Themes in Literature (A Beka #157805)

Grammar and Composition II (A Beka #138258)

PUBLIC SPEAKING/DEBATE (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (2 hour) classes \$600

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Thursday, 2:15 - 4:15 P.M.

At the beginning of the first semester, students will study specific techniques for reducing the anxiety of addressing an audience, followed by rehearsals for the recording of entries to the VFW's *Voice of Democracy*. In their study of public-speaking skills during the first semester, students focus on voice inflection, diction, gestures, body language, pregnant pauses, and other techniques which engage the audience and result in a more effective presentation. In subsequent assignments, students will work on outlining, developing, and delivering several types of speeches, including informative, persuasive, and devotional. Students will have ample opportunity to hone their public-speaking skills by means of frequent presentations to and activities with the class. Although this course emphasizes planned speaking, we will also cover extemporaneous speaking and conducting/responding to interviews. At the top of the second semester, we will review the basics of policy debate (i.e., stock issues, searching for evidence, writing affirmative and negative

constructives), as found in the text *An Introduction to Argumentation and Debate*, by Christy Shipe. Additionally, students will be introduced to the important skills of identifying and learning to avoid logic fallacies which are included in our study of *The Thinking Toolbox*. During debate rounds members of the class will debate each other in pairs.

Required Books:

Public Speaking for Dummies

(ISBN-10: 9780764559549 OR ISBN-13: 978-0764559549)

The Thinking Toolbox by Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn

(ISBN-10: 0974531510 OR ISBN-13: 978-0974531519)

An Introduction to Argumentation and Debate by Christy Shipe

(published by the Home School Legal Defense Association www.hslda.org/bookstore)

WORLD HISTORY (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$480

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Tuesday, 12:45 – 1:45 P.M.

This high-school level offering uses A Beka's text *World History and Cultures in Christian Perspective* and is a survey course emphasizing ideas and begins with the study of Mesopotamia. The course continues through the rise of empires and cultures and examines the major historical world ideologies, including socialism and humanism, and events from the Christian perspective. A study of world geography is also included. Students will practice good study skills, as they work through one chapter per week.

Required Books/Supplies:

World History and Cultures in Christian Perspective (A Beka #115703)

World History Student Test/Map Book (A Beka #115746)

World History Student Quiz Book (A Beka #115762)

Index cards & container to develop study cards for terms and definitions

ECONOMICS AND CURRENT EVENTS (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$480

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Tuesday, 2:55 – 2:55 P.M.

This course, taught from the conservative perspective, emphasizes that capitalism, particularly the free market economy, is the cornerstone of American prosperity. Students will study various economic terms, the history of money and precious metals, the factors of production, the laws of

supply and demand, market principles including competition and private ownership, and the global economy, both past and present. This course also emphasizes Christian stewardship as an essential element of a successful economic system and of the Christian walk. As an extracurricular activity, students will theoretically purchase stocks to follow throughout the school term as they learn some basics about the workings of the American Stock Exchange. For Current Events, students will need access to major news publications and will keep a current-events folder which includes world events and matters relating to both the national and the global economy.

Required Books:

Economics: Work and Prosperity (A Beka #61263)

Economics: Work and Prosperity Student Test Book (A Beka #61298)

Economics: Work and Prosperity Student Quiz Book (A Beka #61328)

Capitalism and Freedom by Milton Friedman
(ISBN-10: 0226264211 OR ISBN-13: 978-0226264219)

Index cards & container to develop study cards for terms and definitions

VERBAL SAT PREP: WRITING (GRAMMAR) AND CRITICAL READING
A BLOCK CLASS OF TWO HOURS (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (2 hour) classes \$640.00

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Thursday, 9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

The new SAT presents substantial additions to the old format. There are three multiple choice sections which deal with grammar elements, including subject and verb agreement, pronoun usage, sentence structure, punctuation, and editing an essay. Consequently, students need practice in basic grammar skills to be successful on the writing section. In addition, the critical-reading section presents challenges going beyond the typical reading-comprehension covered in a literature course. Students will learn how to “work the test” so as to maximize their scores on the SAT verbal sections.

Required books:

Handbook of Grammar and Composition (A Beka text #63355)

Grammar & Composition IV (A Beka workbook #76228)

The Official SAT Study Guide, 2nd Edition
(ISBN-10: 9780874478525 OR ISBN-13: 978-0874478525)

Barron’s 601 Words You Need to Know to Pass Your Exam - second half of the book (ISBN-10: 0764128167; ISBN-13: 978-0764128165)

Barron’s 1100 Words You Need To Know (ISBN-10: 0764113658; ISBN-13: 978-0764113659)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

SPANISH 2 (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1.5 hour) classes \$600

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Wednesday, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30

Continuation of the 2010-2011 Spanish 1 course or the equivalent. The emphasis of this course is grammar (including stem-changing verbs and Preterite Tense), reading comprehension, and vocabulary development. Class time provides students the opportunity to practice correct pronunciation, question/answer format, and guided conversations. Written tests and quizzes are administered at appropriate intervals.

Required books:

Por Todo El Mundo 1 (A Beka # 62375)

Spanish I Vocabulary Manual (A Beka #19925)

Spanish I Vocabulary CD (A Beka #91995)

Spanish I Test Book (A Beka #19941)

LATIN 1 (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$480

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Wednesday, 2:35 – 3:35 P.M.

The study of Latin is invaluable for improving English vocabulary and English grammar; furthermore, universities look favorably upon those students who have undertaken the study of Latin!

The text for Latin I is Ginn's *Latin for Today*, which will be duplicated by the teacher and for which an additional copy fee will be charged. Objectives of this high school level course are strengthening English vocabulary and grammar and providing students the opportunity to learn about Roman civilization and history through translation of Latin reading passages. This course emphasizes parsing and translating sentences from Latin to English and English to Latin.

The majority of homework time should be spent on mastering vocabulary, and parents are requested to help their student(s) master the words. There is a comprehensive test for every lesson; due to the limited class time, some of these tests or portions thereof may be administered at home. A supply of 3x5 cards is needed for learning the vocabulary words.

Completing this course earns a high school credit for foreign language.

Required materials for Latin 1:

1" or 1½" three-ring binder

A supply of 3x5 cards or a vocabulary notebook for vocabulary mastery

Highlighters of different colors

LATIN 2 (Mrs. Evans)

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$480

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Thursday, 1:05 – 2:05 P.M.

This course is a continuation of the Latin One 2010-2011 course and uses Ginn's *Latin for Today*, available only through the teacher. Course objectives are strengthening English vocabulary and grammar and providing students the opportunity to learn about Roman civilization and history through translation of Latin reading passages. In this second year, verb syntax beyond Present Active Indicative is thoroughly covered, including Past Tenses and Passive Voice. This second year also places greater emphasis on translation, especially from English to Latin, but students will also translate a Latin selection to English every week or two; some of these selections cover material about Roman heroes. After each lesson, a comprehensive test will be administered under testing conditions. Completing this course earns a high school credit for foreign language.

Required materials for Latin 1:

1" or 1½" three-ring binder

A supply of 3x5 cards or a vocabulary notebook for vocabulary mastery.

Highlighters of different colors

MATH/SCIENCE**BIOLOGY (Mrs. Emery)**

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1.5 hour) classes \$600

Lab Fee: \$ 60

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Thursday, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Following a schedule set by Mrs. Emery, students will work through the biology text (A Beka Biology text *God's Living Creation*) at home. Mrs. Emery will be teaching the labs in this course, supplemented with some lectures. She will also assign and grade the tests/quizzes. Each week, students share responsibilities for lab set up and clean up. Laboratory work will be performed during class time and students will record all observations during the lab period. Lab reports will be completed by each student either in class or at home and handed in to the instructor for grading. In addition to in-class labs, students will prepare plant and insect collections.

Required Books:

Biology: God's Living Creation (A Beka #92878)

Student Test Book (A Beka #163457)

Student Quiz Book (A Beka #92916)

Student Field & Lab Manual (A Beka #92932)

ALGEBRA 2 (Mrs. Emery)

Pre-requisite Algebra 1

Cost: Tuition: 32 (1 hour) classes \$480

Payment: Two equal installments (see Registration form)

Class Time: Thursday, 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

The Saxon Algebra 2 curriculum covers traditional second-year algebra topics, as well as a full semester of informal geometry, with both real-world, abstract and interdisciplinary applications. 129 lessons cover topics such as geometric functions, angles, perimeters, and proportional segments, negative exponents, quadratic equations, metric conversions, logarithms, and advanced factoring.

During the class Mrs. Emery will address problems/questions, work on new concepts, reinforce problem solving methodologies and review course work with the students. Following a schedule set by Mrs. Emery, students will work through each chapter and take the tests at home. Mrs. Emery welcomes calls from parents/students to address specific difficulties that arise during the week.

Required Books:

Saxon Algebra 2 Homeschool Kit (3rd Edition)

Saxon Algebra 2 Solutions Manual (3rd Edition)

Best price of Homeschool Kit **WITH** Solutions Manual found at christianbook.com

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