Level-Headed...

LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonics
Reading
Comprehension
Grammar
Mechanics
Usage
Spelling

Vocabulary
Penmanship
Writing
Literature
Speech

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Vocabulary:

**Language Arts**—when used as a Noun, means “the skills including reading, composition, speech, spelling and dramatics, taught in elementary and secondary skills to give students a thorough proficiency in using the language.”

**Language Arts Curriculum**—an umbrella term for curricula in the areas of phonics, reading skills and comprehension, literature, grammar, usage, mechanics, writing, spelling, vocabulary, penmanship and speech.

**Phonics**—to teach both the sounds of letters and basic spelling to a child who is beginning to learn to read.

**Reading Comprehension**—to show you understand what was just read. This includes fact based questions which asks students to state facts or summarize what they have read, the “Who, What, When and Where” questions, and reasoning questions that ask the “What If” and look at “How” and “Why”.

**Literary Analysis**—to develop appreciation for how the author crafts his story. This includes character development, suspense and the unfolding plot. Also considers the use of literary devices like personification or foreshadowing. Another aspect of studying literature is exposure to and developing an appreciation to different types of literature: Fiction, Non-fiction, Poetry, Biography and so on.

**Grammar**—specifically refers to the building blocks of our language: parts of speech, sentence structure and types of sentences.

**Mechanics**—refers to punctuation and capitalization.

**Usage**—the ability to apply grammar and mechanics correctly in compositions.

**Composition**—the act of combining parts or elements to make a whole.

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Choosing Language Arts Curricula—the F-A-M-I-L-Y Way:

F — Faith/Philosophy
Is it important that your children receive a specific religious perspective on history? What is your vision for your homeschool?

A — Approaches
What do you believe about how children learn? Do you prefer the Chalotte Mason approach? Traditional Textbook? Classical?

M — Money
What is your budget?

I — Individuals
How does your child learn? By seeing, hearing, doing? What motivates your child to learn? Do you have a learning blessed or learning differently child?

L — Life
What season of life is your family in—young student, preschoolers, high schoolers? Do you want a curriculum to teach multiple children at one time? What special events—short-term or long-term—will be factors in your homeschooling?

Y — You
What are your time priorities, limitations? How much structure do YOU need? How confident are you about how to teach history, or is your history experience like mine?

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Language Arts Programs

ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS
Character Quality Language Arts
English Lessons Through Literature
Learning Language Arts Through Literature
Lifepacs/SOS Language Arts
Lightening Literature
Moving Beyond the Page
Paradigm Accelerated English Programs for High School
Phonics Road to Spelling and Reading
Prentice Hall: Reader's Journey
Reading Street
Total Language Plus Guides
Write From History

LANGUAGE ARTS W/O READING
Climbing to Good English
English for the Thoughtful Child
First Language Lessons
Harcourt Language
Primary/Intermediate Language Lessons
Queen Homeschool Language Lessons
Simply Grammar
WriteShop Primary/Intermediate

WRITING & GRAMMAR PROGRAMS
Applications of Grammar
Bob Jones Writing & Grammar
Holt Elements of Language
Houghton Mifflin English
Power Basics
Power Basics English
Prentice-Hall Writing & Grammar
Saxon Grammar & Writing
Shurley English
Starline English
Stewart English
Voyages in English
Write Source, 2006-2009 Ed; 2012 Ed.

GRAMMAR, USAGE, AND/OR MECHANICS
All-in-One English
Analytical Grammar
Caught Ya! Grammar with a Giggle
Easy Grammar/Easy Grammar Ultimate
English Grammar for the Grammar Stage

English in Blue & White
Exercises in English
G.U.M. Drops
Giggly Guide to Grammar
Grammar Handbook Bundles - Pearson
Grammar Songs
Harvey's Grammar
I Laid An Egg on Aunt Ruth's Head
Jensen's Grammar
Step-by-Step Grammar
Steps to Good Grammar
Winston Grammar

ALL-INCLUSIVE PHONICS PROGRAMS
All About Reading
Horizons Phonics & Reading
Learning Language Arts Through Literature (Blue/Red)
Lifepacs Language Arts K-1
Plaid Phonics 2011 Ed.
Preventing Academic Failure
Primary Arts of Language - Reading & Writing
Saxon Phonics
Sing, Spell, Read & Write
Veritas Phonics

READING/LITERATURE
AGS Literature
Alpha Omega Literature Courses
Bob Jones Reading/Literature
Christian Liberty Reading
Christian Light Reading
Daybook of Critical Reading & Writing
Elsen Readers
Excellence in Literature (includes writing)
James Stobough Literature
Kumon Reading
Lifepacs
McGuffey's Readers & Classic Curriculum
Mosdos (includes writing)
Pathway Reading
Prentice-Hall Reader's Journey
Progeny Press Guides
Smarr Literature (includes writing)
Teaching the Classics/ Reading Road Maps

Christian
Language Arts Programs

SPELLING AND VOCABULARY
- All About Spelling
- Building Spelling Skills (Christian Liberty)
- Building Spelling Skills (Evan Moor)
- Copywork Learn to Spell
- English From the Roots Up
- How to Spell
- MegaWords
- Phonetic Zoo
- Reason for Spelling
- Sequential Spelling
- Spelling Power
- Spelling Workout
- SpellWell
- Vocabulary Cartoons
- Vocabulary from Classical Roots
- Wordly Wise, Wordly Wise 3000 (3rd Ed.)

COPYWORK
- Knowledge Box Central Copywork
- Memoria Press Copybooks
- Queen Homeschool Copywork
- Scripture Character Writing Worksheets

RHETORIC (SPEAKING & WRITING)
- Classical Rhetoric

LITERATURE STUDY GUIDES
- Adolescent Literacy
- Christian Novel Studies
- Dover Thrift Study Editions
- ECS Novel Units
- Engaging Young Minds
- Latitudes
- Literary Analyses/Book Report Lapbook
- Literature in Context Guides
- Literature in Teaching Guides
- Literature Learn N Folders
- Literature Pockets
- Logos Reading & Comprehension
- Memoria Press Literature Guides
- P & R Book & Study Guides
- Portals to Literature
- Progeny Press
- Saxon Homeschool Literature Study Guides
- Shakespeare Graphic Novels with Teaching Resource Pack
- Standards-Based Literature Guides
- Total Language Plus Study Guides
- Veritas Literature Guides

HANDWRITING
Traditional:
- Christian Liberty Handwriting
- Handwriting Help for Kids
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Horizons Penmanship
- Penmanship to Praise
- Pentime
- Reason for Handwriting

Cursive Only:
- Cursive First
- New American Cursive
- Spencerian Penmanship

Modern:
- Bob Jones Handwriting
- Classically Cursive
- D’Nealian Handwriting
- Italic