

# VERITAS ACADEMY

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## Classical Curriculum

Veritas Academy's classical curriculum is modeled after the ancients' educational Trivium "three ways." Students learn as they mature in stages: Grammar (grades PreK-4), Logic (grades 5-8) and Rhetoric (grades 9-12). While a classical curriculum first stresses learning facts, then reasoning, and finally rhetoric, the subjects of math, science, history, and languages are emphasized throughout the pupil's education. The School of Rhetoric teaches students to artfully express themselves in both written and spoken form. Additionally, students think, discuss, and reflect upon the virtues, ethics, and wisdom to be found as they study each subject.

## Literary Works

The classical student is steeped in great works of the Western canon. Every Veritas graduate will have read and engaged the following literary pieces, among many others:

*The Iliad and the Odyssey*, Homer  
*Dante's Inferno*, Dante

*The Scarlet Letter*, Hawthorne  
*Paradise Lost*, Milton

*The Canterbury Tales*, Chaucer  
*Brave New World*, Huxley

*Moby Dick*, Melville  
*The Great Gatsby*, Fitzgerald  
*Of Mice and Men*, Steinbeck

*Crime and Punishment*, Dostoyevski  
*Julius Caesar*, Shakespeare  
*Hamlet*, Shakespeare

*Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare

*The Picture of Dorian Grey*, Wilde  
*City of God*, Augustine

*The Prince*, Machiavelli

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*,  
Douglass

*Pride and Prejudice*, Austen

*The Apology, Euthyphro and Crito*, Plato  
*Clouds*, Aristophanes

*Nicomachean Ethics, Book I*, Aristotle  
*Politics, Book I*, Aristotle

*Beowulf*, Unknown  
*Mere Christianity*, Lewis

*The Abolition of Man*, Lewis  
*Leviathan*, Hobbes  
*Second Treatise*, Locke

*Summa Theologica*, Aquinas  
*The Federalist Papers*, Publius

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Pearl Poet  
*Frankenstein*, Shelley

*All Quiet on the Western Front*, Remarque  
*Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Hugo

*East of Eden*, Steinbeck  
*Grapes of Wrath*, Steinbeck

*Killer Angels*, Shaara  
*Why We Can't Wait*, King

*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, Jacobs  
*Brunelleschi's Dome*, King  
*Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling*, King

*Jane Eyre*, Bronte  
*As I Lay Dying*, Faulkner

*Les Miserables*, Hugo  
*Count of Monte Cristo*, Dumas

*Anna Karenina*, Tolstoy  
*Things Fall Apart*, Achebe

*Pensées*, Pascal

*The Sun Also Rises*, Hemingway

Students must also read several of the following as summer reading:

*Fellowship of the Ring*, Tolkien

*The Robe*, Douglas

*Quo Vadis*, Sienkiewicz



Veritas Academy is an independent classical Christian school in Austin, Texas.

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