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GRADE SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Important Notes

Welcome to the Homeschool Connections catalog of recorded courses! We hope that these courses will offer the support you need in your Catholic homeschooling journey.

Before you begin browsing this list of courses, however, there are a few important notes that will help you understand what is included in this catalog and how to best use this information.

What is in this catalog?

This catalog contains a current list of all the courses we offer as asynchronous classes through our Unlimited Access program. Due to the large number of course offerings, we have not included every detail within this catalog, but we have provided a link to each course detail page on our website. You can see more course details online at any time.

How do I enroll in a recorded course?

In order to enroll in a recorded course, you will need to purchase an Unlimited Access plan on our website: https://homeschoolconnections.com/unlimited-access/.

Within one business day of completing your purchase, you will be provided with a login so that you can access your course(s) online.

Note that if you have purchased the full Unlimited Access plan, then you will be able to enroll at will in any number of recorded courses at no additional cost to you! We often recommend this as the most cost-friendly option for large families.

What is Instructor Access?

If you check our Unlimited Access website, you may note that it mentions our Instructor Access service. This is an extra feature that many (but not all) of our instructors choose to add to their recorded courses.

Instructor Access is a chance for students in recorded courses to obtain individual grading or feedback from their instructor or an appointed grader. Because each course contains a different load of assignments, this grading service will be tailored to each course. If you would like a specific list of what feedback / grading is included, reach out to the teacher by email.

Courses that offer Instructor Access will feature a button inside the course page (right next to your readings, lectures, and assignments). If you see this button, that means that the instructor has chosen to offer this bonus feature to students in the course.

Note that this service is only available to students who are already enrolled in the course, so you need to enroll in a course before purchasing Instructor Access.

To see a list of the recorded courses currently offering this service, please check the separate Instructor Access list. (You can find it on the catalog page of our website: https://homeschoolconnections.com/catalog/.)



Grade School

Grade Level	GS
Subject	Unit Study
Subcategory	Ancient
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Grade School Multi-Subject Unit Study, Year One: The Ancient World,
	Parts One, Two and Three
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	None, but these unit studies are designed to be completed in sequence
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 36 total
Short Description	This program for 3 rd through 6 th grade students is a Project-Based Unit Study
	that focuses on the era of Ancient History. The literature-based program is
	segmented into a three-part complete course of study. The entire program,
	spanning a four-year sequence, will utilize all four volumes of Phillip
	Campbell's History series from TAN Books, The Story of Civilization.
Course Materials	Core Texts: This yearlong course uses seven core texts that cover content across
	multiple subject areas. Parents can buy new texts from preferred Catholic
	homeschool vendors or check BookFinder.com for pre-owned texts. The
	following prices are approximate, to help you with planning:
	1. The Story of Civilization (TSoC), Volume 1: The Ancient World by Phillip
	Campbell, (ISBN- 10: 1505105668; ISBN-13: 978-1505105667) (*New \$20;
	pre-owned \$12) (Used All Year) Note: Supplementary TSoC Student and Teacher texts and Audio/Video
	products are optional. Depending upon your budget, we recommend adding
	supplementary texts as tools for further engagement.
	2. Archimedes and the Door of Science, by Jeanne Bendick. (ISBN- 10:
	9781883937126; ISBN-13: 978-1883937126) (*New \$13; pre-owned \$5) (Used
	Fall 2021)
	3. D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths, by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire (ISBN- 10:
	9780440406945; ISBN-13: 978-0440406945 (*New \$14; pre-owned \$5) (Used
	All Year)
	4. Around the Year Once Upon a Time Saints, by Ethel Pochocki (ISBN- 10:
	1932350268; ISBN-13: 978-1932350265) (*New \$15; pre-owned \$14) (Used
	All Year)
	5. Detectives in Togas, by Henry Winterfeld, (ISBN-10: 0152162801; ISBN-
	13: 978-0152162801) (Fall 2019) (*New \$7; pre-owned \$3.50) (Used Fall
	2021)
	6. St. Paul the Apostle, by Mary Fabyan Windeatt (ISBN: 9780895554260)
	(*New \$16; Pre-owned \$8.50 BF) (Used Spring 2021)

	7. Galen and the Gateway to Medicine, by Jeanne Bendick (ISBN:
	9781883937751; ISBN-10: 1883937752) (*New \$15; pre-owned \$9.50) (Used
	Spring 2021)
	8. English From the Roots Up, Volume 1, by Joegil K. Lundquist, (ISBN-13:
	978-0964321038; ISBN-10: 0964321033). Families can purchase the book (and
	then make their own flashcards) or the set of Vol. 1 flashcards that are sold
	separately. You do not need both products.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
	study-year-one-the-ancient-world-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
	study-year-one-ancient-era-part-two
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
	study-year-one-ancient-era-part-three

Grade Level	GS
Subject	Unit Study
Subcategory	Medieval
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Grade School Multi-Subject Unit Study, Year Two: Medieval Era, Parts
	One, Two, and Three
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	None, but these unit studies are designed to be completed in sequence
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 36 total
Short Description	This program for 3 rd through 6 th grade students is a Project-Based Unit Study that focuses on the era of Medieval History. The literature-based program is segmented into a three-part complete course of study. The entire program, spanning a four-year sequence, will utilize all four volumes of Phillip Campbell's History series from TAN Books, The Story of Civilization.
Course Materials	Purchase the following books for the school year: The Story of Civilization (TSoC), Volume 2: The Medieval World by Phillip Campbell, (ISBN-10: 1505105749; ISBN-13: 978-1505105742) (All Year) (\$10-\$22) Note: Supplementary TSoC Student and Teacher texts and Audio/Video products are optional. We recommend you consider adding supplementary texts (as well as audio and video materials) as tools for further engagement. The Story Book of Science by Jean Henri Fabre. (ISBN-10: 1599150255; ISBN-13: 978-1599150253) (All Year) (\$0 (Kindle) to \$15) Insect Adventures by Jean Henri Fabre. (ISBN-10: 1500196452; ISBN-13: 978-1500196455) (All Year) (\$2-\$12) Note: For an advanced reader in the family, consider adding Fabre's Book of Insects to the family reading. However, this book will not be on the schedule. Once Upon a Time Saints by Ethel Pochocki (ISBN-10: 1883937159; ISBN-13: 978-1883937) (All Year) (\$5-\$12)



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	More Once Upon a Time Saints by Ethel Pochocki (ISBN-10: 1883937345;
	ISBN-13: 978-1883937348) (All Year) (\$5-\$12)
	English from the Roots Up, Volume 2 by Joegil Lundquist. (ASIN:
	B00E322V94). Any new or used volume works. You will need to buy or make
	the study flashcards for this book. (All Year) (\$15+)
	Saint Benedict by Mary Fabyan Windeatt (ISBN-10: 0895554275; ISBN-13:
	978-0895554277) (Fall 2020) (\$6-\$12)
	If All the Swords in England: A Story of Thomas Becket, by Barbara Willard
	(ISBN-10: 1883937493; ISBN-13: 978-1883937492) (Spring 2021) (\$6-\$15)
	Son of Charlemagne, by Barbara Willard. (ISBN: 9781883937300;ISBN-
	10:1883937302 (Fall 2020) (\$5-\$15)
	Saint Thomas Aquinas: The Story of "The Dumb Ox" by Mary Fabyan
	Windeatt. (ISBN: 9780895554208). (Spring 2021-Part 3) (\$5-\$9)
	Francis and Clare, Saints of Assisi by Helen Walker Homan. (ISBN-10:
	0898705177 ISBN-13: 978-0898705171) (Spring 2021) (\$2-\$9)
	Pictorial Encyclopedias
	Families will need access to pictorial encyclopedias that include plants,
	animals, and insects. These books need to be at a reading level above 6 th grade.
	We recommend the following three books, for low cost and high interest.
	Reader's Digest North American Wildlife (ISBN-13: 978-0895771025; ISBN-
	10: 9780895771025). (All Year) (\$5-\$35)
	Animals: A Visual Encyclopedia (ISBN-10: 0756691702; ISBN-13: 978-
	0756691707) Any used volume will work. (All Year) (\$6-\$16)
	Smithsonian Handbooks: Insects ISBN-10: 0789493926; ISBN-13: 978-
	0789493927) Any used volume will work. (All Year) (\$6-\$16)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
	study-year-two-medieval-era-part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
	study-year-two-medieval-era-part-two
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
	study-year-two-medieval-era-part-three/?swcfpc=1

Grade Level	GS
Subject	Unit Study
Subcategory	Modern
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Grade School Multi-Subject Unit Study, Year Three: Making of the
	Modern World, Parts One and Two with Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	None, but these unit studies are designed to be completed in sequence
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total

Short Description	This program for 3 rd through 6 th grade students is a Project-Based Unit Study that focuses on the era of Modern History. The literature-based program is segmented into a three-part complete course of study. The entire program, spanning a four-year sequence, will utilize all four volumes of Phillip Campbell's History series from TAN Books. The Story of Civilization.
Course Materials	Campbell's History series from TAN Books, The Story of Civilization. Purchase the following books for the school year: The Story of Civilization (TSoC), Volume 3: The Making of the Modern World by Phillip Campbell, (ISBN-978-1-5051-0982-5) (All Year) (\$10-\$25) Note: Supplementary TSoC Student and Teacher texts and Audio/Video products are optional. We recommend you consider adding supplementary texts (as well as audio and video materials) as tools for further engagement. Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day by J. Fulbright. ISBN-13: 978-1932012736 ISBN-10: 1932012737) (All Year) (\$15-\$35) Saints & Heroes by Ethel Pochocki (ISBN-10: 11932350519 ISBN-13: 978-1932350517) (All Year) (\$5-\$12) Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne (any unabridged version) (All Year) (\$5-\$16). English from the Roots Up, Volumes 1 and 2 by Joegil Lundquist. (Vol 1: ISBN-13: 978-18859423021SBN-10: 1885942303). Any new or used volume works. Students have a choice to study Vol 1 roots, Vol 2 roots, or both. Many families only buy the premade flashcards rather than the book and flashcards, and this serves to be enough to study and take course quizzes. Choose the resource that works best for your family. (All Year) (\$15+) St. Phillip of the Joyous Heart by Francis X. Connolly (ISBN-10: 0898704316 ISBN-13: 978-0898704310) (Fall 2021) (\$8-\$12) Madeleine Takes Command by Ethel Brill (ISBN-10: 1883937175 ISBN-13: 978-1883937171) (Fall 2021) (\$6-\$15) The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, by Avi. (ISBN-10: 0545477115 ISBN-13: 978-0895554192). (Spring 2022) (\$2-\$12) The Winged Watchman by Hilda Van Stockum. (ISBN-10: 1883937078 ISBN 13: 978-1883937072 (Spring 2022), Course 3) (\$7-\$15) Helpful Additions: The Making of the Modern World These tools will help your homeschool journey in this unit study, but they will not be assigned. Around the World coloring book (Dover History Coloring Book) by Winky Adam (ISBN-10: 0486439836 ISBN-13: 978-0486439839). (All Year) (\$5)
Course Details Link	Any World Map to hang in your home. Students will have fun tracking the journey of Phineas Fog as we read Around the World in 80 Days. https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-study-year-three-making-of-the-modern-world-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-study-year-three-making-of-the-modern-world-part-two



Grade Level	GS
Subject	Unit Study
Subcategory	US
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Grade School Multi-Subject Unit Study, Year Four: The History of the
	United States, Parts One and Two with Jackie de Laveaga
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	None, but these unit studies are designed to be completed in sequence
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	This program for 3 rd through 6 th grade students is a Project-Based Unit Study that focuses on the era of American History. The literature-based program is segmented into a three-part complete course of study. The entire program, spanning a four-year sequence, will utilize all four volumes of Phillip Campbell's History series from TAN Books, The Story of Civilization.
Course Materials	Core Texts Purchase or borrow the following books for the school year (required). 1. The Story of Civilization (TSoC), Volume 4: The History of the United States, by Phillip Campbell (ISBN-10: 1505111471 ISBN-13: 978-1505111477) (All Year) (\$10-\$22). Note: Supplementary TSoC Student and Teacher texts and Audio/Video products are optional. We recommend adding supplementary texts (as well as audio and video materials) as tools for further engagement. Choose one saint book for younger students. Older students should read both. 2. Kateri Tekakwitha: Mohawk Maiden, by Evelyn Brown, (ISBN-10: 0898703808; ISBN-13: 978-0898703801) (Fall) (\$3-\$12). 3. St Isaac and the Indians, by Milton Lomask, (ISBN-10: 9780898703559; ISBN-13:: 978-0898703559) (Fall) (\$3-\$12). 4. The Reb and the Redcoats by Constance Savery, (ISBN-10: 1883937426; ISBN-13:: 978-1883937423) (Fall) (\$6-\$15). 5. Exploring Creation with Astronomy 2 nd Edition, Textbook, by Jeanne Fulbright (ISBN 10: 1940110580 ISBN 13: 978-1940110585) (All Year) (\$13-\$38) 6. Stories of the Saints, by Carey Wallace (ISBN-10: 0761193278; ISBN-13: 978-0761193272) (\$10-\$17). 7. English from the Roots Up, Volumes 1 and 2, by Joegil Lundquist (ISBN-10: 1885942303; ISBN-13: 978-1885942302 ISBN-10: 1885942125 ISBN-13: 978-1885942128) Any new or used volumes work. Some families prefer to only buy the flashcards. That works fine! In this 4 th year, we will be reviewing all 200 roots from Years 1-3. If your student has not studied these roots previously, the review can be a learning exercise. (All Year) (\$15-\$30)

	8. Charley Skedaddle by Patricia Beatty, ISBN-10: 0688066879 ISBN-13: 978-0688066871. (Spring 2023) (\$2-\$22). 9. Brave Buffalo Fighter by John D. Fitzgerald. ISBN-10: 0688066879 ISBN-13: 978-0688066871. (Spring 2023) (\$2-\$22) AND/OR 10. By the Great Horn Spoon by Sid Fleischman. iSBN-10: 0316286125; ISBN-13: 978-0316286121 (\$1-\$15). (Note: Brave Buffalo Fighter is out of print. Many used copies are available, and a Kindle version is readily available. I recommend that students read both books (#9 and #10) if resources allow. OPTIONAL BOOKS TO READ OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK 1. St. Katherine Drexel, Friend of the Oppressed, By Ellen Tarry. ISBN: 9780898708899, Ignatius Press 2. Mother Seton and the Sisters of Charity, By Alma Power-Waters. ISBN: 9780898707663, Ignatius Press
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-multi-subject-unit-
Compo Domino Linik	study-year-four-the-history-of-the-united-states-part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grade-school-unit-study-the-
	history-of-the-united-states-part-two-2

Grade Level	GS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Creative Writing
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Creative Writing for Grades 3-6, Writing a Story from a First Person
	Perspective
Grade Range	3 rd -7 th
Prerequisite	Students should be able to
-	easily compose 10 sentences when given a topic, preferably in their own
	handwriting. Parents can choose to take narration while the student
	composes the writing aloud. Basic elementary school punctuation mastery
	is recommended (or parents can edit with students prior to submission.)
	The final story submission will need to be polished and typed. Note:
	Many students can invent language at a skill level beyond their ability
	to handwrite or type their work in a reasonable amount of time. This
	course can work for the child who struggles with handwriting and/or
	typing if the child's oral language skills are ready for the class and
	parents are willing to write/type for the child.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Learn how to write a historical fiction story! Mrs. de Laveaga will coach
	students through a process for writing a story based on a historical event.
Course Materials	All materials are provided free by the instructor.



Course Details Link https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/creative-writing-for-grades-3-6-first-person-perspective-course-c-2

Grade Level	GS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Creative Writing
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Creative Writing for Grades 3-6, Writing About a Historical Event
Grade Range	3 rd -7 th
Prerequisite	Students should be able to
	easily compose 10 sentences when given a topic, preferably in their own handwriting. Parents can choose to take narration while the student composes the writing aloud. Basic elementary school punctuation mastery is recommended (or parents can edit with students prior to submission.) The final story submission will need to be polished and typed. Note: Many students can invent language at a skill level beyond their ability to handwrite or type their work in a reasonable amount of time. This course can work for the child who struggles with handwriting and/or typing if the child's oral language skills are ready for the class and parents are willing to write/type for the child.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Learn how to write a historical fiction story! Mrs. de Laveaga will coach
	students through a process for writing a story based on a historical event.
Course Materials	All materials are provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/creative-writing-for-grades-3-6-writing-about-a-historical-event-course-b-2

Grade Level	GS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Creative Writing
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Creative Writing for Grades 3-6, Writing the Story of a Saint
Grade Range	3^{rd} - 7^{th}
Prerequisite	Students should be able to
	easily compose 10 sentences when given a topic, preferably in their own
	handwriting. Parents can choose to take narration while the student
	composes the writing aloud. Basic elementary school punctuation mastery
	is recommended (or parents can edit with students prior to submission.)

Number of Classes	The final story submission will need to be polished and typed. Note: Many students can invent language at a skill level beyond their ability to handwrite or type their work in a reasonable amount of time. This course can work for the child who struggles with handwriting and/or typing if the child's oral language skills are ready for the class and parents are willing to write/type for the child.
Short Description	Learn how to write a historical fiction story! Mrs. de Laveaga will coach
Short B couription	students through a process for writing a story based on a historical event.
Course Materials	All materials are provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/creative-writing-for-grades-3-6-course-a-writing-the-story-of-a-saint



Grade Level	MS
Subject	Art & Music
Subcategory	Music
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	How to Read Music, Part One: Mastering Rhythm (MUS-1)
Grade Range	6 th -12 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	Do you want to learn how to read music? In this fun, interactive course, you'll learn how to read the rhythm and beat on the musical page. You'll also master the vocabulary of musical terms and be able to sing and tap out simple to complex beats. Whether you're brand new to music or in your first year of "outside" music lessons in voice or with an instrument, this course helps you to master reading music.
Course Materials	All materials are provided FREE by the instructor, and additional resources will be provided for students and families. Please make sure your student has a working microphone!
Course Details Link	https://moodle.homeschoolconnectionsonline.com/course/view.php?id=2361

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Art & Music
Subcategory	Music
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	How to Read Music, Part Two: Mastering Melody and Harmony (MUS-2)
Grade Range	6 th -12 th
Prerequisite	None, though MUS-1, Mastering Rhythm, is recommended
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	Continue to learn how to read music with this fun, interactive course—to
	understand notes and pitches on the musical page, master the vocabulary of musical
	terms, and be able to read and sing simple to complex tunes. Whether you're brand
	new to music or it's your first year of taking voice or instrumental lessons, this
	course helps you to master reading musical notes, songs, and more.
Course Materials	All learning materials are provided FREE by the instructor, and optional resources
	list will be provided for students and families. Students must buy a soprano
	recorder. Prices range from \$7 to \$25.

	See recorders here:
	https://www.amazon.com/s?k=recorder+instrument&crid=2LW2K61BUS87L&spr
	efix=recorder%2Caps%2C197&ref=nb sb ss ts-a-p 2 8
Course Details Link	https://moodle.homeschoolconnectionsonline.com/course/view.php?id=2510

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Computer Science
Subcategory	
Teacher	Margaret (Peggy) Morrow, Ph.D.
Course Name	Coding with Minecraft
Grade Range	6 th -12 th
Prerequisite	A love of Minecraft and a desire to learn coding. Make sure you own the required hardware (see Course Materials).
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Learn the core concepts of computer programming in this high-interest, advanced middle school course—with Minecraft! Join Dr. Morrow for a fun, interactive, hands-on course where your young teen "gets ahead" with technology!
Course Materials	This is PC or Mac based and will not work on a Chromebook. Please check the system requirements to ensure that you have the needed hardware. More information about system requirements can be found here: https://educommunity.minecraft.net/hc/en-us/articles/360047556591-System-Requirements. Next, Sign-up for a "direct purchase" of Minecraft Education edition for Camps, Clubs, and Organizations (the cost is \$12). During the registration process, Microsoft will give you a username ending in .onmicrosoft.com When you download and install Minecraft Education Edition, you will need to login with this username. For example, my Username is PeggyMorrow@peggymorrow.onmicrosoft.com Click here to obtain a license and set up the coding environment:https://minecraft.makecode.com/setup/minecraft-education-edition
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/coding-with-minecraft- 2/?swcfpc=1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Computer Science
Subcategory	
Teacher	Donna Graziose, MS, MA
Course Name	Mastering Microsoft Word, Level 1: Skills for Success



Grade Range	6 th -12 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Give your student confidence and the ability to use all of the basic functions of Word in this simple, eight-class course. Instruction is in and for Word version 2016 for the PC.
Course Materials	You will need Microsoft Word version 2016 for the PC. Everything else is provided free online from Professor Donna Graziose.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/mastering-microsoft-word-level-1-skills-for-success/

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Drama / Performing Arts
Subcategory	Drama
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Humor on Stage & Screen
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	In this middle school drama course, learn some of the best humorists and comedians in the history of Western culture. From Ancient Greek to Shakespeare, and Gilbert and Sullivan to Laurel and Hardy—analyze humor on the stage and screen from a literary and historical perspective.
Course Materials	PDFs and video clips provided free by the instructor. Students will be asked to watch a few streamed full-length G-rated comedies.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/humor-on-stage-screen

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Drama / Performing Arts
Subcategory	Drama
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Drama and the Human Spirit for Middle School, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total

Short Description	This survey course will examine some of the great works of drama and comedy,
	focusing on how dramatic art grapples with the question of the meaning of life
	and the revelation of God in the human heart.
Course Materials	Will be provided free by the instructor in the form of PDF's and eBooks; scenes
	from filmed versions of the plays will be shown during class time.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/drama-and-the-human-spirit-for-
	middle-school-part-one/
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/drama-and-the-human-spirit-for-
	middle-school-part-two-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Drama / Performing Arts
Subcategory	Drama
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Acting Monologues
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	In this course, Kevin O'Brien, a professional actor of stage and screen,
	audiobooks and television, will coach Middle School students in brief dramatic
	and comedic monologues.
Course Materials	Suggested monologues as provided by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/acting-monologues

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	Latin
Teacher	Emily Henry
Course Name	Introductory Latin, Parts 1 and 2
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None, though Part One is a Prerequisite is a Part Two
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Enjoy language, vocabulary, and grammar in this fun, introductory middle school Latin course—and gain confidence in basic Latin grammar and vocabulary.
Course Materials	Latin dictionary with both a Latin to English as well as an English to Latin section (such as the New College Latin and English Dictionary, ISBN #0877205612, http://amzn.to/2FLBwDS). A working microphone is required



	for this course. No online dictionaries, please. All other course materials provided free by the instructor.)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/beginning-middle-school-latin-
	<u>part-one</u> https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/beginning-middle-school-latin-part-two

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	Latin
Teacher	Emily Henry
Course Name	Ecce Romani, First Year, Parts 1 and 2
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None, though Part One is a Prerequisite is a Part Two
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Students will be introduced to Latin grammar and vocabulary through the Ecce
	Romani I-A series. They will also be encouraged to use certain online resources
	to help them develop good study habits.
Course Materials	Ecce Romani IA 4 th Edition ISBN-10: 0133610926
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-intermediate-latin-
	part-one-ecce-romani-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-intermediate-latin-
	part-two-ecce-romani-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	Latin
Teacher	Emily Henry
Course Name	Ecce Romani, Second Year, Parts 1 and 2
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	Ecce Romani, First Year, Parts 1 and 2, or appropriate placement exam. Part
	One is a prerequisite for Part Two.
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	This course is the next step in your Middle School Latin journey! We will
	continue to learn grammar and improve our translation skills. This course will
	help prepare students for future Latin classes at the high school level.
Course Materials	Ecce Romani IA 4 th Edition ISBN-10: 0133610926

Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/advanced-middle-school-latin-part-
	one-ecce-romani
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/advanced-middle-school-latin-part-
	<u>two-ecce-romani</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	American Sign Language (ASL)
Teacher	Allison Gingras, M.Ed.
Course Name	American Sign Language: Level I
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	This course is a beginning American Sign Language (ASL) course for those who would like a strong foundation in learning to communicate with American
	Sign Language.
Course Materials	Course materials are provided free online from the instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/american-sign-language-level-i

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	American Sign Language (ASL)
Teacher	Allison Gingras, M.Ed.
Course Name	American Sign Language: Level II
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	American Sign Language Level I or equivalent
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	This course is a second-level American Sign Language (ASL) course for those
	who would like a strong foundation in learning to communicate with American
	Sign Language.
Course Materials	Course materials provided FREE online.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/american-sign-language-level-ii

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	American Sign Language (ASL)



Teacher	Allison Gingras, M.Ed.
Course Name	American Sign Language: Level III
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	American Sign Language: Level II or equivalent
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	This course is a third-level American Sign Language (ASL) course for those who would like a strong foundation in learning to communicate with American Sign Language.
Course Materials	Course materials are provided free online from the instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/american-sign-language-level-iii

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	American Sign Language (ASL)
Teacher	Allison Gingras, M.Ed.
Course Name	American Sign Language: Level IV
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	American Sign Language: Level III or equivalent
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	This course is a fourth-level American Sign Language (ASL) course for those who would like a strong foundation in learning to communicate with American Sign Language.
Course Materials	Course materials provided FREE online from the instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/american-sign-language-level-iv

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Foreign Language
Subcategory	Spanish
Teacher	Nanci Lopez
Course Name	Middle School Conversational Spanish, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	Willingness to learn; Part One required for Part Two
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Join this middle school Conversational Spanish course and learn Spanish
	grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation that allows you to speak the language.
	Learn numbers, days, weather and seasons, family words, phrases, and more!

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Course Materials	All course materials provided free by the instructor. A Spanish/English
	dictionary is recommended, as well as a notebook and binder for the class.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-conversational-
	spanish-part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-conversational-
	spanish-part-two-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Geography
Subcategory	
Teacher	Daniel Egan
Course Name	Middle School Geography, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	13 classes in each part, 26 total
Short Description	Join this United States and World geography course for your student to learn the
	states and capitals of the US and world—and increase your student's
	understanding of places in history (and navigation skills!).
Course Materials	Geography Coloring Book (3 rd Edition) by Wynn Kapit, Krishnan Namboodiri
	Paperback, 208 Pages, Published 2002, ISBN-13: 978-0131014725
	(<u>https://amzn.to/3aIKKly or bookfinder.com</u>). Musical videos, created by the
	instructor, are provided free as a memorization tool.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-geography-part-
	one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-geography-part-
	<u>two-2</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Government
Subcategory	
Teacher	Alison Stanley
Course Name	Middle School Civics: Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	11 classes in Part One; 10 classes in Part Two
Short Description	This course is an introduction to the American government for middle school
	students.
Course Materials	All materials will be provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-civics-part-one



Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Ancient History
Teacher	Phillip Campbell
Course Name	The Ancient World Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Join this course to learn about the world's first cultures in the Near East and the development of civilization through Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Fertile Crescent in Part One. Continue with Part Two to learn about Ancient Greece and Rome in a fun and engaging way.
Course Materials	Part One: The Book of the Ancient World by Dorothy Mills (ISBN # 9781547702381) (https://www.amazon.com/Book-Ancient-World-2ED-Reader/dp/1547702389/) Part Two: Famous Men of Greece by John Haaren, ISBN #978-1930953772 (https://amzn.to/3naXTcN) and Famous Men of Rome by John Haaren, ISBN #978-1930953826 (https://amzn.to/3aydnCD).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-ancient-world-part-one https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-ancient-world-part-two

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Ancient History
Teacher	Thomas Cox
Course Name	Plutarch's Pericles
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14
Short Description	Let's meet the man who brought Athens to the height of her power and then
	dragged her into a war that nearly destroyed her! The Golden Age of Athens can
	also be called the Periclean Age. Come see what made Athens so golden in the
	fifth century—sculpture, architecture, philosophy, rhetoric, war on land and sea,
	and plague. This life has it all. We'll get to know the man and see what lessons

	we can draw from him today. How can we lead well? What mistakes does he make? From whom did he learn the most?
Course Materials	Provided by the instructor, a translation by the author for middle-schoolers.
	Plutarch's own words in a 21 st -century idiom.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/plutarchs-pericles-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Medieval History
Teacher	Inshal Chenet
Course Name	MS Medieval History, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	In this course, we will strive to inculcate Unity, Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.
	Our study of the medieval world will especially manifest the depths of culture
	and community under the direction of the Gospel.
Course Materials	The History of the Church: A Complete Course, by Rev. Peter V. Armenio,
	ISBN: 978-1890177461 (<u>https://amzn.to/3KjydVJ</u>)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/ms-medieval-history-part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/ms-medieval-history-part-two-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Medieval History
Teacher	Phillip Campbell
Course Name	Middle School Medieval History
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None, but MS Ancient World Part Two recommended
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Join this Medieval History course for a comprehensive overview of the
	European Middle Ages that helps your student understand and make
	connections with history and today.
Course Materials	The Book of the Middle Ages by Dorothy Mills (ISBN: 978-1-61538-114-2,
	available from Memoria Press
	https://www.memoriapress.com/curriculum/classical-studies/book-of-the-
	middle-ages/),
	The Book of the Middle Ages Student Guide by Matthew Anderson (ISBN:
	1615382569), and



	The Book of the Middle Ages Teacher Guide by Matthew Anderson (ISBN:	
	1615382577). The entire set can be purchased for \$39.95 from Memoria Press	
	(https://www.memoriapress.com/curriculum/classical-studies/book-middle-	
	ages/)	
	Note Memoria Press also offers digital versions of all of these books at a much	
	lower price than the printed editions.	
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-medieval-history	

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Medieval History
Teacher	Phillip Campbell
Course Name	Medicine, Invention, and Technology in the Middle Ages
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None, but Middle School Medieval History recommended
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Give your middle school student this dynamic, high-interest science and history course highlighting valuable innovations and scientific discoveries impacting both history and today.
Course Materials	All course materials will be provided by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/medicine-invention-and-
	technology-in-the-middle-ages

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Renaissance to Modern
Teacher	Inshal Chenet
Course Name	Renaissance to Modern History for Middle School, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	Join this dynamic middle school history course on Renaissance to Modern
	times. In Part One, you'll start with the Black Death and travel to the Thirty
	Year War. In Part Two, you'll start with the New World and travel to the Cold
	War.
Course Materials	Armenio, Peter, The History of the Church, Woodridge, IL: Midwest
	Theological Forum, 2005, first edition. ISBN 978-1890177461 Available from
	your favorite Catholic homeschool vendor or used through BookFinder.com.

	Note: While this is a high school textbook, the instructor has used it successfully with middle school students. Students will only read selections of the book.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/renaissance-to-modern-history-for-middle-school-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/renaissance-to-modern-history-for-middle-school-part-two

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Renaissance to Modern
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	The Life and Legacy of St. John Paul II
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Karol Wojtyla, who became Pope John Paul II, and is now St. John Paul II, was
	one of the most pivotal figures in both Church history and world history.
Course Materials	Note that these materials are supplemental and not required: Everyday Wisdom
	from St. John Paul II,
	www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0991596501/catholictreas-20, and St.
	John Paul the Great by Jason Evert,
	www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00NAISQZ0/catholictreas-20.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-life-and-legacy-of-st-john-
	paul-ii

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Alison Stanley
Course Name	The Civil War Years: The Divided United States of America
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	This course will explore the political, economic and legal issues that existed during the Civil War years, including federalism, slavery, the Dred Scott decision, the suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus, the Emancipation
	Proclamation, and the Gettysburg Address.
Course Materials	Provided FREE by the instructor.



Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-civil-war-years-the-divided-
	<u>united-states-of-america-2</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Alison Stanley
Course Name	The American Revolution; Liberty!
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	Students will explore the "Road to Revolution" starting with the question of why people pushed for change. Students will learn the cost of the Revolution to the British and to the colonists.
Course Materials	Provided FREE by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/history-the-american-revolution-liberty

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Alison Stanley
Course Name	World War I; What Price Glory
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	9
Short Description	World War One was known at the time as the Great War. It was the War to End All Wars. However, little was won and much was lost. We will explore the events leading up the World War I, famous generals and battles and any relevant legal issues that arose in America during this time period.
Course Materials	Provided free online or by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/world-war-i-what-price-glory

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History

Subcategory	American
Teacher	Alison Stanley
Course Name	World War II; Allies vs. Axis
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	We will explore the events leading up the World War II, famous generals and
	battles and any relevant legal issues that arose in America during this time
	period.
Course Materials	Provided free online or by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/history-world-war-ii-allies-vs-axis

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Christopher Martin
Course Name	Our Pioneers and Patriots
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14
Short Description	Using Philip Furlong's Our Pioneers and Patriots as a framework and guide,
	this course roughly traces the course of the United States from its multi-national
	European origins up through the Presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Course Materials	Our Pioneers and Patriots by Bishop Philip Furlong, ISBN-10: 9780895555922
	/ ISBN-13: 978-0895555922. Available from your favorite Catholic
	homeschool vendor or used from BookFinder.com.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/our-pioneers-and-patriots-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Phillip Campbell
Course Name	Middle School U.S. History: Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Following the outline of the popular From Sea to Shining Sea textbook, Mr.
_	Phillip Campbell guides Middle School students from the European discovery
	of America, the foundation of the United States, through the Civil War.



Course Materials	Textbook, From Sea to Shining Sea by Christopher Zehnder
	(www.catholictextbookproject.com/)
	If you are paying for Instructor Access, no other course materials are necessary.
	However, if you are grading questions yourself, you will probably want the
	From Sea to Shining Sea Teacher's Manual (ISBN: 978-1-935644-09-5), which
	contains the answer key
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-u-s-history-part-1-
	<u>1492-1847</u>
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-u-s-history-part-2-
	<u>1847-1990</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	World
Teacher	Christopher Martin
Course Name	All Ye Lands: World History, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	Using All Ye Lands from the Catholic Textbook Project as a framework and
	guide, this course roughly traces the course of Human Civilization from its
	origins up through the European Middle Ages. This includes Salvation History,
	Ancient Rome, and the Crusades. Part Two traces the course of Human
	Civilization from the Renaissance up through the modern age. This includes the
	Reformation, the World Wars, and Russia.
Course Materials	Rollin Laseter's All Ye Lands: World Cultures and Geography, ISBN-10:
	089870944X, ISBN-13: 978-0898709445 (https://www.amazon.com/All-Ye-
	Lands-Origins-Cultures/dp/089870944X/chrisgooverth-20)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/all-ye-lands-world-history-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/all-ye-lands-world-history-part-
	<u>two</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	World
Teacher	Christopher Martin
Course Name	Pirates: The Golden Age, and their World
Grade Range	7 th -8 th

Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	In this high-interest (and fun) history course, learn the epic stories of pirates and how they changed the shape of America as well as how they affected global empires. Join us as we sail the high seas of history together!
Course Materials	All course materials provided by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/pirates-the-golden-age-and-theirworld-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	World
Teacher	Christopher Martin
Course Name	The Old World and America
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14
Short Description	Using Philip Furlong's The Old World and America as a framework and guide, this course roughly traces the course of Western Civilization from its origins (the East, the Ancient Greeks, and Romans), up through the English foundations of America.
Course Materials	Bishop Furlong's The Old World and America, ISBN-10: 0895552027, ISBN-13: 978-0895552020 (https://amzn.to/3b5zTCf or bookfinder.com).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-old-world-and-america-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	World
Teacher	Christopher Martin
Course Name	Light to the Nations I: A History of Christian Civilization, Parts One and
	Two
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None, though Part One is a Prerequisite is a Part Two
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	This course examines how Christendom – the society founded on the Catholic
	Church and her Faith – came to be. It looks at the cultural, intellectual,
	historical, and religious foundations upon which Christendom was raised.
Course Materials	The text for the course (both Part One and Part Two) is Light to the Nations I:
	The History of Christian Civilization, published by and available from
	www.catholictextbookproject.com. Purchase the teacher's manual for answer



	keys. Both the text and the teacher's manual are available in book form or as an
	eBook.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/light-to-the-nations-i-a-history-of-
	christian-civilization-christ-to-1750-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/light-to-the-nations-i-a-history-of-
	christian-civilization-christ-to-1750-part-two

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Church History
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	History's Heroes and Villains
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Come and learn about the great struggle between good and evil, as history
	brings us heroes and villains such as Jesus Christ and Pontius Pilate; Regulus of
	Rome and the Emperor Nero; Winston Churchill and Mussolini, Hitler, and
	more. Through stories, characters, and virtues, learn how the hand of God is
	behind history.
Course Materials	Biographical and historical sketches provided FREE as PDFs by the Instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/historys-heroes-and-villains-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	History
Subcategory	Church History
Teacher	Daniel Egan
Course Name	Introduction to Church History, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	In this Church History course, you will find connections between history, art,
	politics, science, and the saints. Join us and be inspired to imitate the Saints and
	become a Saint yourself.
Course Materials	Notebook (preferably one with graph paper in it – because they are cool). We
	will make it into a kind of scrapbook. Tape (to tape down images and articles).
	Some colorful pens (Not required, but it helps keep students interested –
	because they are cool)

Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-church-history-
	part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-church-history-
	part-two-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Life Skills
Subcategory	
Teacher	Tammy Parker
Course Name	Organized for Success for Middle School
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	4
Short Description	Students who "own" their own schedule make life better for themselves and others. By implementing solid systems of organization, while building good habits, students can better utilize their time.
Course Materials	Book: Learning to Learn: Strengthening Study Skills & Brain Power by Gloria Frender, ISBN-13: 978-0865306073 (revised edition) OR ISBN-13: 978-1629500003 (the earlier edition). Note: Siblings may share a copy, as long as each has time to review the sections assigned or they work together. This book is a supplement to this course, and only certain portions will be assigned, yet utilizing other parts of this book is highly recommended prior to/post this course. Online: Google Resources: Access to a Google Account. Note: Online Resources can and should be shared with a parent. Google Calendar is utilized as a resource. Other digital calendars can be used by students, but the instructions/examples will reference Google Calendar. Google Sheet Template: Click here to access Organized For Success Google Spreadsheet (for enrolled student use only). Students will receive instructions on how to use this during the first class.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/organized-for-success-for-middle-school-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	The Golden Goblet: Living History Through Literature (Ancient Era 1)
Grade Range	5 th -8 th



Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to
	work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series offered to 5 th
	through 8 th grade students. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions. In this project-based
	course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw, ISBN-10: 0140303359 or ISBN-
	13: 978-0140303353. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document (this can be done
	free online – let us know if you need assistance).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-golden-goblet-living-history-
	through-literature-ancient-era-1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Black Ships Before Troy: Living History Through Literature (Ancient Era 2)
Grade Range	5 th -8 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series offered to 5 th through 8 th grade students. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliffe, ISBN-10# 0553494821 or ISBN-13# 978-0553494822. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document (this can be done free online – let us know if you need assistance).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/black-ships-before-troy-living-history-through-literature-ancient-era-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature

Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Victory on the Walls: Living History Through Literature (Ancient Era 3)
Grade Range	5 th -8 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series offered to 5 th through 8 th grade students. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	Victory on the Walls by Frieda Clark Hyman, ISBN-10# 1883937965 or ISBN-13# 978-1883937966. Purchase new from BethlehemBooks.com or used from BookFinder.com. Your student will need PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, or Google Slides or any presentation software which can save in a .ppt format.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/victory-on-the-walls-living-history-through-literature-ancient-era-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	The Bronze Bow: Living History Through Literature (Ancient Era 4)
Grade Range	5 th -8 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series offered to 5 th through 8 th grade students. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	The Bronze Bow, by Elizabeth George Speare, ISBN-10# 0395137195 or ISBN-13# 978-0395137192. Purchase new from your favorite bookseller or used from BookFinder.com.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-bronze-bow-living-history-through-literature-ancient-era-4

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.



Course Name	Living History through Literature (Medieval): Big John's Secret
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These
	courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter
	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Big John's Secret by Eleanore M. Jewett [Bethlehem Books], ISBN-10:
	1883937892; ISBN-13: 978-1883937898
	(https://bethlehembooks.com/product/big-johns-secret/ or bookfinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/big-johns-secret-living-history-
	through-literature-medieval-era-1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Medieval): The Door in the Wall
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli, ISBN-10: 0440227798; ISBN-13: 978-0440227793 (http://amzn.to/2FF071P or BookFinder.com). Also available as an audiobook (http://amzn.to/2FFtYqR). Your student will need either PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Keynote to create a Final Project. Google Slides and Keynote can be found free online.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-door-in-the-wall-living- history-through-literature-medieval-era-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature

Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Saint Joan, The Girl Soldier: Living History Through Literature
	(Medieval)
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These
	courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter
	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Saint Joan, The Girl Soldier by Louis de Wohl, ISBN-10: 0898708222 Or
	ISBN-13: 978-0898708226 (https://www.ignatius.com/Saint-Joan-P2248.aspx
	or bookfinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saint-joan-the-girl-soldier-living-
	<u>history-through-literature-medieval-era-3</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Medieval): Red Hugh, Prince of
	Donegal
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These
	courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter
	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Red Hugh, Prince of Donegal by Robert Reilly, ISBN-13: 9781883937225 /
	ISBN-10: 1883937221 (https://www.bethlehembooks.com/red-hugh-prince-
	donegal-p-490 or bookfinder.com). Also available as an audiobook
	(http://amzn.to/2ItOwAi)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/red-hugh-prince-of-donegal-living-
	<u>history-through-literature-medieval-era-4</u>

Grade Level	MS
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Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History Through Literature (Medieval): Spring Tide
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Spring Tide by Mary Ray: ISBN: 978-1-932350-34-0 from Bethlehem Books: https://bethlehembooks.com/product/spring-tide/ . Your student will need either PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Keynote to create a Final Project. Google Slides and Keynote can be found free online.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/spring-tide-living-history-through-literature-medieval-era-5

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Medieval): Augustine Came to Kent
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These
	courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter
	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Augustine Came to Kent, by Barbara Willard [Bethlehem Books, 1996], ISBN-
	10: 1883937213 or ISBN-13: 978-1883937218. Your student will need either
	PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Keynote to create a Final Project. Google Slides
	and Keynote can be found free online.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/augustine-came-to-kent-living-
	<u>history-through-literature-medieval-era-6</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Medieval): Red Falcons of Tremoine
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Red Falcons of Tremoine, by Hendry Peart [Bethlehem Books, 2007], ISBN-10: 1932350152 or ISBN-13: 978-1932350159. Your student will need either PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Keynote to create a Final Project. Google Slides and Keynote can be found free online.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/red-falcons-of-tremoine-living- history-through-literature-medieval-era-7

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Living History Through Literature
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Medieval): Door to the North
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Door to the North, Elizabeth Coatsworth [Publisher: Bethlehem Books, 2013], ISBN: 978-932350-39-5. Your student will need either PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Keynote to create a Final Project. Google Slides and Keynote can be found free online.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/door-to-the-north-living-history-through-literature-medieval-era-8



Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Modern
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Modern Era): The Scarlet Pimpernel
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series that weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy, ISBN-10:1420955438; ISBN-13: 978-1420955439 (https://amzn.to/3f83w9V) or any unabridged version. Your student will use PowerPoint or Google Slides (free online) to create a final project.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-scarlet-pimpernel-living-history-through-literature-making-of-the-modern-world-1700s

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Modern
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Father Damien and the Bells: Living History Through Literature (Modern Era)
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series that weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	Father Damien and the Bells, by Leonard Fisher and Elizabeth Sheehan, ISBN-10: 1586170333 or ISBN-13: 978-1586170332. Purchase new from your favorite Catholic bookseller or used at BookFinder.com. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Wordcompatible document (this can be done free online – let us know if you need assistance).

Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/father-damien-and-the-bells-living-
	history-through-literature-modern-era-1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Modern
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Modern Era): The Sea Tiger: The Story of Pedro Menéndez
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series that weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	The Sea Tiger: The Story of Pedro Menéndez by Frank Kolars [Bethlehem] (https://bethlehembooks.com/product/the-sea-tiger-the-story-of-pedromenendez/). Your student will need PowerPoint or Google Slides (free online) to create a project in this course.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-sea-tiger-the-story-of-pedro- menendez-living-history-through-making-of-the-modern-world-1500s

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Modern
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Living History through Literature (Modern Era): Padre Pro Mexican Hero
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series that weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	Padre Pro: Mexican Hero, by Fanchon Royer, ISBN# 978-1932350760 (https://bethlehembooks.com/product/padre-pro-mexican-hero/). Purchase new



	from BethlehemBooks.com or used from BookFinder.com. Your student will
	need PowerPoint or Google Slides (free online) to create a final project.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/padre-pro-mexican-hero-living-
	history-through-literature-making-of-the-modern-world-early-late-1800s-
	1900s-modern-era-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Modern
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Enemy Brothers: Living History Through Literature (Modern Era)
Grade Range	5 th -9 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Powerpoint or Google Slides to work on the Final Project.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series that weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. In this project-based course, students will engage in short quizzes and in projects of their choice.
Course Materials	Enemy Brothers by Constance Savery, ISBN# 9781883937508 or ISBN-10# 1883937507. Purchase new from BethlehemBooks.com or used at BookFinder.com. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/enemy-brothers-living-history-through-literature-modern-era-4

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Kat Finds a Friend: Living History Through Literature (American Era 1)
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter

	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Kat Finds a Friend, A St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Story by Joan Stromberg,
	(https://www.beholdpublications.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/kat-finds-a-friend-living-history-
	through-literature-american-era-1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Thomas Finds a Treasure: A Saint John Neumann Story: Living History Through Literature (American Era 2)
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Thomas Finds a Treasure: A St John Neumann Story, by Joan Stromberg, (https://www.beholdpublications.com/wordpress1/product/thomas-finds-a-treasure-a-st-john-neumann-story/?v=2320522a6676 or bookfinder.com.)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/thomas-finds-a-treasure-a-saint-john-neumann-story-living-history-through-literature-american-era-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	The Orphans Find a Home: A St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Story: Living
	History Through Literature (American Era 3)
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These
	courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter



	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	The Orphans Find a Home, A St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Story by Joan
	Stromberg, ISBN-10: 0966468902; ISBN-13: 978-0966468908
	(https://www.beholdpublications.com/wordpress1/product/the-orphans-find-a-
	home-a-st-frances-xavier-cabrini-story/?v=2320522a6676 or bookfinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-orphans-find-a-home-a-st-
	frances-xavier-cabrini-story-living-history-through-literature-american-era-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Jackie de Laveaga, M.Ed.
Course Name	Willy Finds Victory: A Blessed Francis Seelos Story: Living History
	Through Literature (American Era 4)
Grade Range	3 rd -6 th
Prerequisite	No class prerequisite. Your student will need Word 2007 or later version or the
_	ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible file.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Living History Through Literature is a project-based course series. These
	courses weave the study of literature into a meaningful and engaging encounter
	with a specific era of history. Students will study the historical context of the
	novel and participate in engaging literature discussions.
Course Materials	Willy Finds Victory! A Blessed Francis Seelos Story, by Joan Stromberg, ISBN-
	10: 0966468953 / ISBN-13: 978-0966468953
	(https://www.beholdpublications.com/wordpress1/product/willy-finds-victory-
	<u>a-blessed-francis-seelos-story/?v=7516fd43adaa</u> or bookfinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/willy-finds-victory-a-blessed-
	<u>francis-seelos-story-living-history-through-literature-american-era-4</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	General / Survey
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Humor in Literature
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6

Short Description	From light verse (funny poems) to the works of the American Humorists; from
	funny plays to comedies with serious themes, we will examine the role of
	humor in literature - and in life! Our Final Project will be a fun poem, story,
	play, or video that each student will make, to be shared in class.
Course Materials	PDFs provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/humor-in-literature

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	General / Survey
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	The Best of Children's Literature
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite Presequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Learn the classics and what makes great Children's literature in this middle school
Short Description	survey course introducing great stories—from Grimm's Fairy Tales to The Prince
	and the Pauper, Peter Pan, The Secret Garden, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,
	and the Fauper, Feter Fan, The Secret Garden, Charne and the Chocolate Factory, and more!
Course Materials	PDF's provided free by the instructor, plus: Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi -
	http://www.gutenberg.org/files/500/500-h/500-h.htm / Pinocchio Streaming
	Options
	The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain - The Prince and the Pauper Streaming
	Options / https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1837/1837-h/1837-h.htm
	The Golden Key by George MacDonald -
	http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks07/0700571h.html
	"The Happy Prince" and "The Selfish Giant" by Oscar Wilde -
	https://www.gutenberg.org/files/902/902-h/902-h.htm
	Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie - http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks03/0300081h.html
	The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett -
	https://www.gutenberg.org/files/17396/17396-h/17396-h.htm
	Classic Children's Stories Collection -
	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B075CQGL7D/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_hsch_vap
	i_tkin_p1_i0
	Mary Poppins by PL Travers - https://www.amazon.com/Mary-Poppins-Dr-P-
	<u>Travers/dp/0544439562</u>
	Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder -
	https://www.amazon.com/Little-House-Prairie-
	No/dp/0064400026/ref=bseries_primary_1_0064400026
	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl -
	https://www.amazon.com/Charlie-Chocolate-Factory-Puffin-
	<u>Classics/dp/0142401080</u>



	The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry - https://www.amazon.com/Worst-Class-
	<u>Trip-Ever/dp/1484708490</u>
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-best-of-childrens-literature-with-
	kevin-obrien/

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	General / Survey
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Christmas in Literature, Drama, and Music
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Join in this fun, high-interest literature course—where your middle school student learns "the magic of Christmas." From the Gospels to Colonial American stories, examine Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," G.K. Chesterton's
	classics, and more—as you gain a deeper understanding of the mystery of the
	Incarnation.
Course Materials	Provided as PDF's free by the Instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/christmas-in-literature-drama-and-
	music

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	General / Survey
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Short Stories
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	We will read a variety of short stories from a number of authors, including
	Mark Twain, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ring Lardner, O Henry and more. We will
	discuss two short stories in class each day - for a total of sixteen stories!
Course Materials	100 Great Short Stories, edited by James Dailey. ISBN-10: 0486790215
	(ISBN-13: 978-0486790213) also available as an ebook. The instructor will
	also provide free PDF files with stories in the public domain.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/short-stories

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	General / Survey
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	A Mastery of Mysteries for Middle School
Grade Range	$6^{\text{th}}-8^{\text{th}}$
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	9
Short Description	Become a "mystery master" as we read together some of the greatest mysteries of all time, including Edgar Allan Poe, Sherlock Holmes, Father Brown, Nancy Drew, Agatha Christie, and more! For middle school students.
Course Materials	Public domain mysteries will be provided FREE by the instructor as PDF files.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/a-mastery-of-mysteries-for-middle-school

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	General / Survey
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	I Will Always Write Back
Grade Range	6 th -12 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	4
Short Description	Join in this short literature course with the story of two children who write letters back and forth, sharing their lives, hopes, dreams, and experiences while living across the world from each other. High school students are welcomed, too.
Course Materials	I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alfirenka & Martin Ganda, ISBN # 978-0-316-24133-5 (https://amzn.to/2M5IyME)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/i-will-always-write-back

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Drama / Poetry
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Shaking Up Shakespeare



Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Get excited about Shakespeare in this dynamic introduction to one of the most celebrated writers of history, as stage actor Kevin O'Brien comes to class dressed as a Shakespearean character to get your student delighted with learning each week.
Course Materials	Free PDF files and links to websites provided by the Instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/shaking-up-shakespeare

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Drama / Poetry
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Ridiculous Rhymes: Humor and Nonsense in Poetry
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	"Nonsense poetry" isn't just a whole lot of fun—it's a wonderful way to learn poetic meter, form, and imagery and enjoy the sound and thinking skills that go into the creative process for highly-enjoyable poetry.
Course Materials	Kids Pick the Funniest Poems, Edited by Bruce Lansky. ISBN-10: 067174769X / ISBN-13: 978-0671747695 (https://amzn.to/36X205E). PDFs provided free by the Instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/ridiculous-rhymes-humor-and-nonsense-in-poetry

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Drama / Poetry
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	One Act Plays and Playwriting
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	In this course, we'll look at the challenge of short plays. And we'll try our hand
	at writing our own short plays - comedies, dramas, adventures and farces!
Course Materials	PDF files provided free by the instructor.

Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/one-act-plays-and-playwriting-
	with-kevin-obrien

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Fantasy
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	The Chronicles of Narnia for Middle School, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Learn all seven books of Narnia over the school year! Using the well-known
	classic series, join in to learn the symbolism, Christian themes, and dramatic
	storytelling that makes this series loved by so many across the world.
Course Materials	The Chronicles of Narnia, any edition.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-chronicles-of-narnia-for-
	middle-school-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-chronicles-of-narnia-part-two-
	middle-school

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Fantasy
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings for Middle School, Parts One and
	Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Dive into what some call the greatest books of the 20 th century—JRR Tolkien's
_	masterpieces of epic fiction: The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. Enjoy in-
	depth examination, analysis, and meaning for the believer, in this two-part
	literature series for middle school students.
Course Materials	The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien (any edition). Additional
	material provided as PDF files by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-hobbit-and-the-lord-of-the-
	rings-for-middle-school-part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-hobbit-and-the-lord-of-the-
	<u>rings-for-middle-school-part-two-2</u>



Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Mythology
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Mythology in Literature
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	An introduction to the great myths of the ancient world for Middle School students, focusing on how great myths can become great literature. Exciting, fun and educational!
Course Materials	Various myths and selections from stories based on myths, provided free PDF files by the instructor. Students will be asked to watch the musical My Fair Lady, which is based on the myth of Pygmalion, and which is available for streaming on most services for around \$3.00.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/mythology-in-literature-4

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Mythology
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Living Myths
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Join professional actor Kevin O'Brien, known for his work in stage, television, and film, in this engaging, interactive literature course. Mr. O'Brien comes to class each day dressed as a different mythological character and presents the day's lesson as that character. Sign up for Living Myths to learn the Christian message found in all mythology and find a new love for literature, all while having fun.
Course Materials	Mythology by Edith Hamilton, ISBN-10 : 0446574759 / ISBN-13 : 978-0446574754
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/living-myths-2

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Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Little House on the Prairie, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Register today to learn literature, American history, and the virtues of the
	pioneers - and have fun at the same time! We will spend two semesters reading
	the entire Little House series.
Course Materials	The Little House on the Prairie series, which can be purchased as a box set,
	ISBN-10 - 0062570420 / ISBN-13: 978-0062570420 (
	https://amzn.to/3OajVs8)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/little-house-on-the-prairie-part-
	one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/little-house-on-the-prairie-part-
	<u>two-2</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	American
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Uncle Tom's Cabin
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Did you know that it is reported that upon being introduced to Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1862, Abraham Lincoln fondly commented she was "the little woman who wrote the book that started this great war." Register for this course and learn why Uncle Tom's Cabin remains a classic of American literature and history, showing 19 th century America and the institution of slavery from the inside.
Course Materials	This book is in the public domain and is available at various places on the internet, or you may purchase a copy - Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe - ISBN-10: 1508480125 / ISBN-13: 978-1508480129 (https://amzn.to/33yV7sF). Mr. O'Brien will make his audiobook performance of this novel available on Moodle.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/uncle-toms-cabin-2



Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Anne of Green Gables
Teacher	Emily Henry
Course Name	Anne of Green Gables, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th -10 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Come escape the craziness of our modern world and travel back in time to
	Prince Edward Island. Read about what life was like in the small town of
	Avonlea during the turn of the 19 th century; a time in which life was simpler,
	full of adventure, and humor! Anne learns many timeless life lessons along the
	way, keeping readers engaged constantly by her charm and clumsy mistakes.
Course Materials	1. Anne of Green Gables 2. The Student Guide (Memoria Press) 3. Optional:
	Teacher Guide/Answer Key (Memoria Press)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/anne-of-green-gables-part-1
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/anne-of-green-gables-part-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Anne of Green Gables
Teacher	Emily Henry
Course Name	Anne of Avonlea (Book 2 in the Anne of Green Gables series)
Grade Range	$7^{\text{th}}-10^{\text{th}}$
Prerequisite	None (although it is recommended to have read Anne of Green Gables first.
	Available in Unlimited Access!)
Number of Classes	9
Short Description	Join Anne for her adventures as a first-time teacher. Anne of Green Gables is all
	grown up, or is she? She'll learn more valuable life-lessons, get into plenty of
	scrapes, and leave readers feeling inspired by her imagination.
Course Materials	Anne of Avonlea by L.M. Montgomery – any unabridged edition
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/anne-of-avonlea-book-2-in-the-
	anne-of-green-gables-series

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Anne of Green Gables
Teacher	Emily Henry

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Course Name	Anne of the Island (Book 3 in the Anne of Green Gables Series)
Grade Range	7^{th} - 10^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	Anne Shirley has learned many important lessons about becoming a grown-up
	in the sequel Anne of Avonlea. Now she's ready to embark on college
	adventures!
Course Materials	Anne of the Island by L.M. Montgomery – any unabridged edition will suffice.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/anne-of-the-island-book-3-in-the-
	anne-of-green-gables-series

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Literature
Subcategory	Anne of Green Gables
Teacher	Emily Henry
Course Name	Anne of Windy Poplars (Book 4 in the Anne of Green Gables Series)
Grade Range	7 th -10 th
Prerequisite	None. It is recommended, however, to read books 1-3 in the Anne of Green
	Gables series first. Mrs. Henry offers Anne of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea,
	and Anne of the Island as Recorded Courses in Unlimited Access!
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	Come discover what happens to Anne after her four years at Redmond College!
	Will she marry Gilbert Blythe? What does she do while he is in medical school?
Course Materials	Anne of Windy Poplars by L.M. Montgomery – any unabridged edition is fine.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/anne-of-windy-poplars-book-4-in-
	the-anne-of-green-gables-series

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Glencoe
Teacher	Emily Nardozzi
Course Name	Glencoe Middle School Math 1, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th grade (advanced 5 th graders welcome)
Prerequisite	Students should have already been introduced to fractions and should be able to perform basic math operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing).
Number of Classes	14 live-recorded classes plus 12 pre-recorded in Part One; 14 live plus 7 pre-recorded in Part Two
Short Description	Middle School Math 1 covers fractions, decimals, integers, data analysis, algebraic expressions and equations, functions and inequalities, using formulas,



	and surface area and volume in a way that will be easy to understand and will provide a strong foundation for the coming math courses.
Course Materials	Mathematics: Applications and Concepts, Course 1, Student Edition (Glencoe Mathematics), 2006 Edition. We recommend purchasing the book used as they can be found for as little as \$0.99 plus s/h: www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0078652537/catholictreas-20 (click on Used).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/glencoe-middle-school-math-1-part-onehttps://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/glencoe-middle-school-math-1-part-two

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Glencoe
Teacher	Emily Nardozzi
Course Name	Glencoe Middle School Math 2, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th (advanced 6 th graders welcome)
Prerequisite	Middle School Math 1 or equivalent; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	14 plus 5-7 pre-recorded classes in Part One; 14 live plus 5-7 pre-recorded in Part Two
Short Description	Middle School Math 2 covers many of the same topics as Middle School Math 1, but each topic is discussed more in-depth and with more application. We will still be doing a lot of work with fractions, decimals, integers, data analysis, algebraic expressions and equations, functions and inequalities, using formulas, and surface area and volume.
Course Materials	Mathematics: Applications and Concepts, Course 2, Student Edition (Glencoe Mathematics), 2006 Edition. We recommend purchasing the book used as they can be found for as little as \$0.99 plus s/h: www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0078652634/catholictreas-20 (click on Used).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/glencoe-middle-school-math-2-part-one https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/glencoe-middle-school-math-2-part-two/

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math

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Subcategory	Glencoe
Teacher	Emily Nardozzi
Course Name	Glencoe Pre-Algebra, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	8 th grade (other grade levels welcome)
Prerequisite	Middle School Math 2 or equivalent; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	14 live recorded plus 7 pre-recorded in Part One; 14 plus 5-7 supplemental pre-
	recorded classes
Short Description	Build a solid foundation within Pre-Algebra math, develop strong problem-
	solving skills, and learn to solve equations with clear critical thinking.
Course Materials	Mathematics: Applications and Concepts, Course 3, Student Edition (Glencoe
	Mathematics), 2005 Edition. We recommend purchasing the book used as they
	can be found for as little as 0.99 plus s/h. Student Edition: ISBN-10:
	0078652650 / ISBN-13: 9780078652653
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/glencoe-pre-algebra-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/glencoe-pre-algebra-part-two

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Jean Hoeft
Course Name	Saxon 5/4 (Daily Lessons) 1st edition
Grade Range	4 th -5 th
Prerequisite	Basic math skills
Number of Classes	30 Weeks
Short Description	This math course will set the stage for your student's middle school math
	experience. Students learn all basics skills; addition, subtraction, multiplication
	and division as well as using these skills with two- three- and larger numbers.
Course Materials	Saxon 5/4 Homeschool Kit, 3 rd Edition (includes tests and answer keys).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-5-4-with-jean-hoeft-daily-
	<u>lessons-1st-edition</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Jean Hoeft
Course Name	Saxon 6/5 (Daily Lessons) 3 rd edition
Grade Range	5 th -6 th
Prerequisite	Basic math skills. Saxon 5/4 or equivalent
Number of Classes	30 Weeks



Short Description	Building upon the principles taught in Saxon Math 5/4, the Saxon 6/5 textbook
	covers concepts such as: the order of operations; geometry and measurement;
	integers; divisibility concepts; ratios; statistics and probability; prime and
	composite numbers; patterns and sequences; and powers and roots.
Course Materials	Saxon 6/5 Third Edition, Homeschool Text ISBN #1-59141-318-4, Homeschool
	Kit (includes tests and answer keys)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-6-5-daily-lessons-3rd-
	edition

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Jean Hoeft
Course Name	Saxon 7/6 (Daily Lessons), 4 th edition
Grade Range	6^{th} - 7^{th}
Prerequisite	Basic math skills. Saxon 6/5 or equivalent.
Number of Classes	30 Weeks
Short Description	Building upon the principles taught in Saxon Math 6/5, the Saxon 7/6 textbook introduces functions and coordinate graphing, integers, exponential
	expressions, and prime factorization.
Course Materials	Saxon Math 7/6 Fourth Edition, ISBN # 1-56577-507-4, Homeschool Kit
	(includes tests and answer keys).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-7-6-daily-lessons-4th-
	<u>edition</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Monica Breier
Course Name	Saxon Math 7/6, Parts One and Two (Weekly Lessons) Fourth Edition
Grade Range	7 th grade or advanced 6 th grade
Prerequisite	Saxon 6/5 or equivalent. Saxon placement test can be found at
	https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/curriculum/placement-tests/saxon-
	placement-tests/
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	Master middle school math with the 7/6 Saxon Math course introducing
	functions and coordinate graphing, integers, exponential expressions, and prime
	factorization. Students will also learn about the order of operations, number

	lines, decimal place value, how to find the percent of a number, how to round
	decimal numbers, the attributes of geometric solids, and more.
Course Materials	Saxon 7/6 Homeschool Kit, Fourth Edition. Other materials include a compass,
	protractor, ruler, graph paper, and a scientific calculator.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-math-7-6-part-one-weekly-
	lessons-fourth-edition
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-math-7-6-part-two-weekly-
	lessons

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Monica Breier
Course Name	Saxon 8/7 (Daily Lessons), 1st edition
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	Basic math skills. Saxon 7/6 or equivalent.
Number of Classes	30 Weeks
Short Description	This course will introduce topics of algebraic thinking and investigative skills for math. Students will use all of their computation skills which are essential learning for our students, but develop even greater uses for them in scientific notation and work with integers, or signed numbers.
Course Materials	Saxon 8/7 Homeschool Kit, 1 st Edition (includes tests and answer keys). ISBN 978-1591413349
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-8-7-with-jean-hoeft-daily-lessons-1st-edition

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Monica Breier
Course Name	Saxon Math 8/7, Parts One and Two (Weekly Lessons) Third Edition
Grade Range	8 th grade or advanced 7 th grade
Prerequisite	Saxon 7/6 or equivalent. Saxon placement test can be found at
	https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/curriculum/placement-tests/saxon-
	placement-tests/
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	Continue mastering middle school math with this Saxon math course where
	you'll learn arithmetic calculation, measurements, geometry, and an
	introduction to pre-algebra, ratios, probability and statistics. Calculate with
	fractions, work with the metric system and repeating decimals, and more.



Course Materials	Saxon 8/7 Homeschool Kit, Third Edition (https://setonbooks.com/math/1760-
	saxon-87-homeschool-3rd-edition-home-study-kit.html). Other materials
	include compass, protractor, ruler, graph paper, and scientific calculator.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-math-8-7-part-one-weekly-
	lessons-third-edition
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-math-8-7-part-two-weekly-
	lessons-third-edition

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Saxon
Teacher	Monica Breier
Course Name	Saxon Algebra ½, Parts One and Two (Third Edition)
Grade Range	8 th -9 th
Prerequisite	Saxon 8/7 or equivalent. Advanced students may be able to move from Saxon
	7/6 to Saxon Algebra ½. Saxon placement test can be found at
	https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/curriculum/placement-tests/saxon-
	<u>placement-tests/</u>
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	In this pre-algebra course, you will develop strong problem-solving skills and
	learn to work through equations with clear critical thinking. Sign up to build a
	solid foundation and be ready for Algebra 1 next school year.
Course Materials	Saxon Algebra ½ Homeschool Kit, Third Edition
	(https://setonbooks.com/math/1836-saxon-algebra-1-2-3rd-edition-home-study-
	<u>kit.html</u>). Other materials include compass, protractor, ruler, graph paper, and
	scientific calculator.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-algebra-1-2-part-one-third-
	edition
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/saxon-algebra-1-2-part-two-third-
	edition

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Gamified
Teacher	Tammy Parker
Course Name	Introductory MS Mathematics: Gamified Level 6, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th grade (advanced 5 th grade or older student in need of a solid foundation.)
Prerequisite	None

Number of Classes	13 classes in Part One; 14 classes in Part Two
Short Description	Math CAN be interesting and fun! Through videos, colorful text, class
	instruction, a workbook, Quizlet, and games/puzzles, your student will advance
	and solidify knowledge in several areas of mathematics.
Course Materials	Printed: TWO Books (These are utilized for both Part One and Part Two of this
	course). Students will need copies of both books that have not been written in
	yet. (See https://www.bookfinder.com for the best prices): Both this
	TEXTBOOK and WORKBOOK are NOT used in numerical order, please see
	the Syllabus and Weekly Quests for which pages to use when.
	TEXTBOOK: Everything You Need to Ace Math in One Big Fat Notebook:
	The Complete Middle School Study Guide (2016) ISBN-13: 978-0761160960
	WORKBOOK: Spectrum 6 th Grade Math Workbook (2014) ISBN-13: 978-
	1483808741
	Online resource: This course utilizes free Quizlet sources and free PDF files.
	Students in this teacher-created Quizlet class have unlimited, free access to Test
	and Learn modes for the sets in those classes. A student must "join" this class
	on Quizlet for this feature to work correctly. This is an additional study
	resource and not part of Moodle.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introductory-ms-mathematics-
	gamified-level-6-part-one-3
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introductory-ms-mathematics-
	gamified-level-6-part-two-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Gamified
Teacher	Tammy Parker
Course Name	Quintessential MS Mathematics: Gamified Level 7, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th grade (or advanced 6 th grade or older student in need of a solid foundation)
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13 classes in Part One; 14 classes in Part Two
Short Description	This is a sound and comprehensive instructional journey in a gamified format. Math can be interesting and fun! Weekly Quests include videos, class instruction, colorful textbook assignments, workbook assignments, Quizlet, & games/puzzles.
Course Materials	Printed: TWO Books (These are utilized for both Part One and Part Two of this course). Students will need copies of BOTH books. (See https://www.bookfinder.com for the best prices) WORKBOOK is Spectrum 7th Grade Math Workbook (2014) ISBN-13: 978-1483808758 NOTE: Pages are used in a different order (not numerical), please see the Course Outline and Weekly Quests for which pages to use when. TEXTBOOK is Everything You Need to Ace Math in One Big Fat Notebook: The Complete Middle School Study Guide(2016) ISBN-13: 978-0761160960



	NOTE: Pages are used in a different order (not numerical), please see the
	Course Outline and Weekly Quests for which pages to use when.
	NOTE: A student needs a copy of the textbook that has NOT been written in
	yet, UNLESS they used it for Introductory MS Mathematics: Gamified Level 6
	Online Resource: This course utilizes free Quizlet sources and free PDF files.
	Students in this teacher-created Quizlet class have unlimited, free access to Test
	and Learn modes for the sets in those classes. A student must "join" this class
	on Quizlet for this feature to work correctly. This is an additional study
	resource and not part of Moodle.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/quintessential-ms-mathematics-
	gamified-level-7-part-one-3
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/quintessential-ms-mathematics-
	gamified-level-7-part-two-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Sadlier-Oxford
Teacher	Monica Breier
Course Name	Pre-Algebra: Fundamentals of Algebra (Sadlier-Oxford), Parts One and
	Two
Grade Range	8 th grade (or advanced 7 th)
Prerequisite	Basic Middle School Math Skills; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	14 classes and 14 supplemental recorded classes in each part, 28 classes and 28
	supplemental lectures total
Short Description	Thorough preparatory course for Algebra 1. We focus on real-life applications
	of our topics, particularly percents and how these skills are used in daily adult
	life.
Course Materials	Sadlier-Oxford Fundamentals of Algebra Sourcebook (ISBN 0821582070) and
	Sadlier-Oxford Fundamentals of Algebra Practice Book (ISBN 0821582275).
	Check BookFinder.com or other your favorite vendor for used copies of the
	textbook. Other materials include compass, protractor, ruler, graph paper, and
	scientific calculator.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/pre-algebra-fundamentals-of-
	algebra-sadlier-oxford-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/pre-algebra-part-two-sadlier-
	oxford-fundamentals-of-algebra

Grade Level	MS	

Subject	Math
Subcategory	Boot Camp
Teacher	Jean Hoeft
Course Name	Acing Percentages, Ratios, and Proportions: Math Essentials Boot Camp
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	Basic middle school math skills; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	This course is the second in a series Math Essentials: Everything You need to Ace High School Math. It is designed for students who struggle with middle school math concepts or those who want to make sure they have all that they need to succeed in High School Math.
Course Materials	All materials are provided by the instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/acing-percentages-ratios-and-proportions-math-essentials-boot-camp

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Boot Camp
Teacher	Jean Hoeft
Course Name	Acing Fractions and the Number System: Math Essentials Boot Camp
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	Basic middle school math skills; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	This course is the first in a series Math Essentials: Everything You need to Ace
	High School Math. It is designed for students who struggle with middle school
	math concepts or those who want to make sure they have all that they need to
	succeed in High School Math.
Course Materials	All materials are provided free by the instructor
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/acing-fractions-and-the-number-
	system-math-essentials-boot-camp

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Boot Camp
Teacher	Emily Nardozzi
Course Name	Math Foundations Boot Camp
Grade Range	Rising 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grade
Prerequisite	Has completed at least a 5 th grade level math course
Number of Classes	8



Short Description	The focus of this course will be to strengthen students' skills in working with
	fractions, decimals, and percentages. The goal of this course is to make sure
	that students are able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions, decimals,
	and percentages with ease and confidence.
Course Materials	None. All course materials are provided free by the teacher.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/math-foundations-boot-camp-with-
	emily-nardozzi

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Math
Subcategory	Boot Camp
Teacher	Kris Correira
Course Name	Numbers Party I
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Get excited about math with Dr. Correira—and discover how math can be fun, exciting, and full of surprises! Instead of apprehension, help give your student an attitude of positive anticipation for future math lessons when you join this course.
Course Materials	Paper—plain, graph, and index cards. Pencils—plain and colored (or fine markers of different colors). Marker—a thick one. Scissors. Dice, 2 six-sided preferable of different colors. (OPTIONAL – pairs of other polyhedral dice). Print outs of provided material, some that have to be cut out before class.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/numbers-party-i

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Philosophy / Logic
Subcategory	
Teacher	Tammy Parker
Course Name	Detecting Logical Fallacies, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th to 9 th grade, mature 6 th grade (possible 10 th grade)
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Middle school is a great time to introduce formal logic! Your student's brain has
	reached a point of neurological development where he or she is ready to grapple
	and consider material in a logical manner. This course combines the concrete

	with the abstract with a method that will lead your student to develop a habit of stepping back, analyzing a situation, and thinking logically.
Course Materials	The Fallacy Detective (2009) ISBN-13: 978-0974531533 OR (2015) ISBN-13: 978-0974531571. Utilizing a used copy of any edition that contains all the lessons (even if the Lessons are numbered differently) is fine and often more affordable (see BookFinder.com).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/detecting-logical-fallacies-part-one https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/detecting-logical-fallacies-part- two-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Philosophy / Logic
Subcategory	
Teacher	Tammy Parker
Course Name	Thinking Well: Conscientious Critical Thinking, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	7 th to 9 th grade. Interested 10 th grade students also welcomed
Prerequisite	None. However, students are highly encouraged to have completed Detecting
	Logical Fallacies, Parts One & Two prior to this course (also available through
	Unlimited Access).
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Building and honing critical thinking gives your student the skills to succeed.
	This course combines the abstract and the concrete to train students with tools
	and methods to develop a habit in the context of their values. This allows them
	to step back, analyze a situation, and think logically.
Course Materials	Book: The Thinking Toolbox (2005) ISBN-13: 978-0974531519
	(<u>https://amzn.to/3f2n3IN</u>). Utilizing a used copy of THIS edition is fine and
	often more affordable (see BookFinder.com). Other editions will NOT work
	well with this course.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/thinking-well-conscientious-
	<u>critical-thinking-part-one-2</u>
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/thinking-well-conscientious-
	<u>critical-thinking-part-two-2</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Philosophy / Logic
Subcategory	
Teacher	Inshal Chenet
Course Name	The Most Ancient Game: an Introduction to Chess
Grade Range	7 th -12 th
Prerequisite	None



Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Chess teaches students to anticipate potential problems, how to focus &
	concentrate, visualize a sequence of actions, weigh options, and understand
	actions have consequences. For both middle and high school students.
Course Materials	A chess set is advised, but not required.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-most-ancient-game-an-
	introduction-to-chess-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Philosophy / Logic
Subcategory	
Teacher	Inshal Chenet
Course Name	The Most Ancient Game: Intermediate Chess
Grade Range	7 th -12 th
Prerequisite	The Most Ancient Game: An Introduction to Chess
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	If your students enjoyed having an Introduction to Chess, let them dive deeper and learn more complicated chess theory and practices! For both middle and high school students.
Course Materials	A chess set is advised, but not required.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-most-ancient-game-intermediate-chess-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Apologetics
Teacher	Gary Michuta
Course Name	Middle School Beginning Apologetics
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	This course will provide the first steps into the field of apologetics. Students
	will learn how to spot faulty arguments, how to find important passages in the
	Bible, and the basic steps on how to defend the Faith.
Course Materials	Provided free by the instructor. An optional reading list will be provided for
	students (and parents!) who want to learn more. Students need to make sure
	they have a working microphone.

Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-beginning-
	apologetics-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Apologetics
Teacher	Gary Michuta
Course Name	The Mass Explained for Middle School
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	10
Short Description	We know the prayers and the gestures of the Mass, but what does it all mean? Learn everything you need to know about worship, the Holy Mass, symbolism, and more.
Course Materials	The required textbook for the course is Understanding the Mass: 100 Questions 100 Answers by Mike Aquilina (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011), ISBN-10: 0867169494 or ISBN-13: 978-0867169492 (https://amzn.to/3aqOp8R). For students (and parents) who wish to go beyond the current reading, Mr. Michuta recommends A Biblical Walk Through of the Mass: Understanding What We Say And What We Do During the Liturgy by Edward Sri (Ascension Press, 2011), ISBN-10: 1935940007 or ISBN-13: 978-1935940005 (https://amzn.to/3jQ4LL6).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-mass-explained-for-middle-school

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Catechism
Teacher	Daniel Egan
Course Name	Middle School Catechism (Baltimore Catechism), Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13 classes in each part, 26 classes total
Short Description	Your student will be guided through the time-tested Baltimore Catechism Q &
	A with a practical, clear format, giving your child a solid grounding in (and
	deep understanding of) the Catholic faith.
Course Materials	The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism (No. 2) Paperback – July 1, 1999,
	ISBN #978-0899422428 (<u>https://amzn.to/3rQxdlJ</u>)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-catechism-part-one
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-catechism-part-two



Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Catechism
Teacher	Gary Michuta
Course Name	Middle School Catechesis: The Baltimore Catechism (Part 1: The Creed)
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14
Short Description	This course is a great way to start off learning the basics of the Faith. The basic structure of the course follows the time-honored Baltimore Catechism and is supplemented by the new Catechism of the Catholic Faith.
Course Materials	Required, The Baltimore Catechism (available free online)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-catechesis-the-baltimore-catechism-part-1-the-creed

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Catechism
Teacher	Gary Michuta
Course Name	Middle School Catechesis: The Baltimore Catechism (Part 2: The
	Commandments)
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14
Short Description	This course is a great way to start off learning the basics of the Faith. The basic structure of the course follows the time-honored Baltimore Catechism and is supplemented by the new Catechism of the Catholic Faith.
Course Materials	Required, The Baltimore Catechism (available free online)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-catechesis-the-
	<u>baltimore-catechism-part-2-the-commandments</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Catechism

Teacher	Gary Michuta
Course Name	Middle School Baltimore Catechism 3
Grade Range	$6^{\text{th}}-8^{\text{th}}$
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	14
Short Description	This course is a great way to start off learning the basics of the Faith. The basic
	structure of the course follows the time-honored Baltimore Catechism and is
	supplemented by the new Catechism of the Catholic Faith.
Course Materials	Required, The Baltimore Catechism (available free online)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-baltimore-
	catechism-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Church History / Doctors of the Church
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Meet the Saint!
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Join us in this course where we'll not only learn about the Saints, but also meet
	them in person. Well, actually, we'll meet the saints as presented by Mr. Kevin
	O'Brien.
Course Materials	PDFs provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/meet-the-saint

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Church History / Doctors of the Church
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	St. Paul LIVE!
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	In this exciting course, students will encounter St. Paul himself live via Zoom every week! - or at least St. Paul as portrayed by Kevin O'Brien, professional actor, author of the play The Journey of St. Paul and host of EWTN'S The Theater of the Word TV show. Sign up and join us in this encounter with an Apostle that you won't want to miss!
Course Materials	The Holy Bible, any translation.



se Details Link https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/st-paul-live-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Church History / Doctors of the Church
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	Meet the Biblical Hero
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	From Biblical times to today, come and take a deeper look at the historical and cultural effects of the idea of "the End of the World," and learn how the history of "apocalypticism" has shaped present day cults, conspiracy theories, politicians, and beliefs.
Course Materials	The Bible, any translation.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/meet-the-biblical-hero

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Scripture
Teacher	Daniel Egan
Course Name	Understanding the Gospels: A Study into the Mysteries of Christ for
	Middle School Students
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Focusing on the Gospels of Mark and John, we will take an in-depth look at the life of Christ. We will examine different prophecies that predicted His coming and why He had to come.
Course Materials	A Catholic Bible preferable RSV-CE (Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition) or New American Bible
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/understanding-the-gospels-a-study-into-the-mysteries-of-christ-for-middle-school-students-2

Grade Level

Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Scripture
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	King of Kings - the Amazing Story of King David, Image of Christ in the Old Testament
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	The story of King David in the Old Testament is the most exciting adventure story in all of the Bible! And it shows how God the Father was preparing the way for the Savior who was to come a thousand years after David - Jesus Christ.
Course Materials	Handouts in the form of PDF files provided by the instructor. Each student should own a Bible of any translation. We will look at a variety of translations in class.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/king-of-kings-the-amazing-story-of-king-david-image-of-christ-in-the-old-testament

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Scripture
Teacher	Daniel Egan
Course Name	Understanding the Story of the Bible for Middle School Students
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	In this course, students will experience the story of our faith through Scripture. Join Mr. Egan and your fellow students and come to a new and profound understanding of God and His love for you.
Course Materials	Catholic Bible, preferably the RSV CE (Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition). Also colored pencils, notebook. And Jeff Cavin's Bible timeline: https://ascensionpress.com/products/great-adventure-bible-timeline-chart .
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/understanding-the-story-of-the-bible-for-middle-school-students-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Theology
Teacher	Kevin O'Brien
Course Name	The Theology of Super Heroes



Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Can Superheroes be "spiritual"? In this fun and powerfully-presented course, learn how Superman, Batman, Spider-man, and the Green Lantern teach us about the Catholic Faith (and the heresies that have opposed it) and get excited about the connection between cultural fun and theology!
Course Materials	Super Heroes Can't Save You by Todd Miles - ISBN-10 : 1462750796 ISBN-13: 978-1462750795 (https://amzn.to/3casaoM)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-theology-of-super-heroes

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Theology
Teacher	Bill Donaghy
Course Name	Middle School From Boys to Men: Discovering Life Lessons and Virtues
	from the Lord of the Rings
Grade Range	7 th -8 th
Prerequisite	Have read or listened to Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Elves, wizards, hobbits, magic rings and an impossible mission against a dark lord? What has this got to do with reality? With my life and my mission? EVERYTHING. Come and see.
Course Materials	The Lord of the Rings: One Volume by J.R.R. Tolkien (http://a.co/4arbceW) and Walking with Frodo: A Devotional Journey Through the Lord of the Rings by Sarah Arthur, ISBN 978-0842385541 (https://amzn.to/3cK2PRo). Note: While this is a Protestant book, it has a lot of good to offer. Mr. Donaghy will clarify any areas where we disagree as Catholics. Suggested further reading (not required): J. R. R. Tolkien's Sanctifying Myth: Understanding Middle-Earth by Bradley J. Birzer, ISBN 978-1932236200 (https://amzn.to/3cBgxpv
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-from-boys-to-men-discovering-life-lessons-and-virtues-from-the-lord-of-the-rings

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Religion / Theology
Subcategory	Theology
Teacher	Lisa Mladinich

Course Name	Discovering Your Authentic Beauty & Making Life Full and Fun for Middle School Girls
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Enjoy this middle school course for young women (grades 7-9), and be strengthened by the Catholic Church's exciting teachings on beauty, plus the importance of cultivating virtue; maintaining healthy friendships; discerning your vocation; and growing closer to Jesus—as the very best way to grow in authentic beauty.
Course Materials	Provided FREE by the instructor, includes excerpts from True Radiance: Finding Grace in the Second Half of Life, lives of the saints, documents of the Church, and other relevant resources.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/discovering-your-authentic-beauty-making-life-full-and-fun-for-middle-school-girls-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Applied Science
Teacher	Kathy Dutton
Course Name	Inspiration, Invention, Innovation
Grade Range	7 th -12 th
Prerequisite	None. However, one of the following is recommended: Physical Science,
	Chemistry, or Physics
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Join this engaging, hands-on course and experience science in a fun way.
	Those who like creativity or are future innovators and inventors are especially
	welcome!
Course Materials	Materials (and tools) to complete their project; these may be household
	materials or things you need to purchase. Parental supervision (and possibly
	help) is required during the build and testing phase.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/inspiration-invention-innovation-2/

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Applied Science
Teacher	Inshal Chenet
Course Name	The Way Things Work Now, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -9 th



Prerequisite	None; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	14 classes in each part, 28 total
Short Description	Based on the book by David Macaulay, this high-interest course dives into the
	physics of how everyday objects work—showing us how the technology that
	seems magical is really man's engineering working with God's design.
Course Materials	The Way Things Work Now by David Macaulay, ISBN: 978-0544824386.
	Available from your favorite homeschool vendor or used through
	BookFinder.com.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-way-things-work-now-part-
	one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-way-things-work-now-part-
	two-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Astronomy
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	The Planets
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	A love of the planets!
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	In this Astronomy for Middle School course, we will study a different celestial body each class—with the latest information and NASA images—to make learning science engaging and fun!
Course Materials	The Planets by Dava Sobel ISBN-13: 978-0142001165 (www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142001163/macbethsopinion-20 or bookfinder.com) For students who want to explore the subject more deeply, Mrs. Derham will supply an optional reading list.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-planets

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Astronomy
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Mission: Mars! From Myth to Mariner to (Maybe) Manned
Grade Range	6 th to 8 th grade; Interested high school students welcomed.
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13

Short Description	Join this course and learn all about Mars and why there is a universal fascination with the "red planet". Is SpaceX founder Elon Musk's vision of establishing a permanent human presence on Mars realistic? In studying the cosmos beyond Earth, students come to better understand God's creation and the nature of science.
Course Materials	PDF files provided for free by the instructor. Optional for middle school students and recommended for high school students: Discovering Mars by Sheehan and Bell (excerpts as assigned) ISBN-13: 978-0816532100 (https://amzn.to/3I8prco)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/mission-mars-from-myth-to-mariner-to-maybe-manned-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Astronomy
Teacher	Domenico Ruggiero
Course Name	Faith in Astronomy
Grade Range	7 th and up
Prerequisite	An interest in science and a willingness to learn.
Number of Classes	15
Short Description	This course discusses the practical matters of science that are of interest to us all – namely the effects of space weather on our lives, deep studies of the Earth and Sun, predicting the movement of heavenly bodies, and much more – but we also take a Catholic look on scientific topics so we know how to intellectually respond to the common criticisms put forth by a secular society.
Course Materials	At this moment, no required textbook is expected. Extensive hand-outs and external references will be provided by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/faith-in-astronomy

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Astronomy
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	To the Moon: Apollo Missions and the Future
Grade Range	6 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None; Pre-algebra math skills will be demonstrated
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	It's been over 50 years since the first moon landing. Join this course to learn
_	Apollo history and explore future space possibilities within the physics of



	gravity and motion in space. Join this fabulous integrated science course with
	high-interest details and get excited about science!
Course Materials	Selected readings from two books: Apollo to the Moon, ISBN-13: 978-
	1426219931 (https://amzn.to/3GUT6oh) and Mission Control, This is Apollo,
	ISBN: 9780670011568 (BookFinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/to-the-moon-apollo-missions-and-
	the-future-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	The Tick (and Lyme disease)
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	4
Short Description	Join us for The Tick. No, not the comic book character, but the scourge and
_	bane of hikers, landscapers, fisherman, and hunters. What makes the tick tick?
	How can we prevent the spread of disease?
Course Materials	Provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-tick-and-lyme-disease-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	The Cat: Natural History, Artificial Selection, and Anatomy
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Join us for this fun 6 th - to 8 th -grade science course exploring our feline friends!
	Learn about where domestic cats came from, different cats around the world,
	common and exotic breeds, and some anatomy and genetics.
Course Materials	Two books to be purchased: The Big Cats and Their Fossil Relatives by Turner
	and Anton, ISBN 13: 978-0231102292 (https://amzn.to/3uTNkRg) and Cats:
	The Breeds, History, and Folklore of the Domestic Cat, ISBN 13: 978-
	1640308763 (https://amzn.to/3gPe21N)

Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-cat-natural-history-artificial-
	selection-and-anatomy-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	The Dog: Natural History, Artificial Selection, and Anatomy
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Join us for this fun 6-8 th grade science course exploring our furry friends! Learn
	where domestic dogs came from, different dogs around the world, different
	breeds, as well as some anatomy and genetics.
Course Materials	Access to a dog; Any/favorite book(s) about dogs. Reading and online
	resources will be available on the course site.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-dog-natural-history-artificial-
	selection-and-anatomy

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	Christine Hamilton
Course Name	Middle School Life Science, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12 in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Life Science is an introductory level course designed to enable students to
	explore basic biological concepts. Students focus on concepts that are shared by
	all living things such as cell structure, biochemical makeup, and inheritance.
Course Materials	All materials will be supplied FREE, except for inexpensive, easy-to-find lab
	materials.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-life-science-part-
	one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-life-science-part-
	<u>two-2</u>



Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Cetaceans: Marine Mammals
Grade Range	6 th to 8 th grade. Interested high school students are also welcomed to join us.
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Join us for this fun 6 th - to 8 th -grade science course exploring our marine mammal friends! Learn the history, biology, breeding, habitats, and behaviors of whales, dolphins, and porpoises in this science course for all middle school students.
Course Materials	Guide to Marine Mammals of the World from National Audubon, ISBN 13: 978-0375411410 (https://amzn.to/3LFcaKB or BookFinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/cetaceans-marine-mammals-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Megafauna! Before, During, and After the Dinosaurs
Grade Range	$6^{\text{th}}-8^{\text{th}}$
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Join us as we explore the BIG creatures that have inhabited the Earth– from giant dragonflies to the fearsome Megalodon to the blue whale. Why do
	creatures become extinct, and why do some survive? And why are some so big?
Course Materials	Reading provided by Mrs. Derham and available on the Moodle site. A
	supplementary reading list will be available.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/megafauna-before-during-and-
	<u>after-the-dinosaurs</u>

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Invertebrate Zoology
Grade Range	6 th to 8 th grade. Interested high school students are also welcomed to join us.

Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	The invertebrates are everywhere! Let's find out more about animals without
	backbones. We will discuss the features and habits of the major phyla.
Course Materials	*East coast students: Peterson's Guide to Atlantic Seashore
	(https://amzn.to/3t11gra)
	*West Coast students: Audubon (https://amzn.to/3v8fOnY - not my favorite, but
	includes Pacific);
	*Inland (fresh water) students: A Guide to Common Freshwater Invertebrates of
	North America (https://amzn.to/2MWGhno)
	*NB: You may substitute local/regional field guides as you see fit, or mix and
	match salt or freshwater guides.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/invertebrate-zoology

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	The Parasites: Living with Us
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None (though a strong stomach may be helpful)
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	Welcome to the secret world of parasites, the creatures which live on—and
	inside—us and our companion animals. In this course, you will take a close
	look at arthropods, annelids, and the internal parasites which occupy our
	bodies, sometimes without us even noticing. And, you'll find the answer to the
	big question: What's in it for us?
Course Materials	Articles as posted by the instructor (FREE).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/the-parasites-living-with-us

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	Kris Correira
Course Name	Cell Biology with Lab
Grade Range	7 th -9 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12



Short Description	The cell is quite the place! From its membrane to its organelles to DNA, it has
	fascinating structures. And then there are its amazing functions, from
	photosynthesis and respiration to cell division and protein synthesis.
Course Materials	A coursebook is provided. Because this is an interactive class, a microphone is required, and video capabilities preferred. A microscope is preferred but not required. A list of required lab supplies (available at any grocery store) is posted in Moodle.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/cell-biology-with-lab

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	Christine Hamilton
Course Name	Grossology
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Want to get your middle school student excited about science? Grossology is here to save the day! What is earwax? Do you think burping is hilarious? Would you get a giggle out of creating goopy slime? A heap of gross is a huge amount of fun! Get 8 weeks of ooey, gooey, slimy, and chunky entertainment – all in the name of science!
Course Materials	All course materials will be provided FREE, except for inexpensive, easy-to-find lab materials. Students can print the lab and fun activities.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/grossology-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	Christine Hamilton
Course Name	Bug Camp (Entomology)
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	A fun and lighthearted study of the insect world. We will learn about insect types, habitats, sounds, and some yummy recipes (really!). Pests, workers, artists—the intrepid insects of the world fascinate, annoy, and benefit humankind.

Course Materials	Everything will be provided FREE by the instructor. Optional Further Reading:
	Ultimate Bugopedia: The Most Complete Bug Reference Ever (National
	Geographic Kids) National Geographic Kids, Murawski, Darlyne, Honovich,
	Nancy, National Geographic Children's Books, ISBN 978-1426313769
	(https://amzn.to/2YcieTs)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/bug-camp-entomology-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Introduction to Ornithology (The Study of Birds)
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	The sparrows of the air, the penguins of the sea, the ostriches of the arid plains of Africa, and many dinosaurs all have something in common: Feathers! Diversity is the word when it comes to our avian friends. Join this course as we admire colorful macaws, ravenous raptors, hovering hummingbirds, and the rest of the wonderous world of birds.
Course Materials	Peterson's Guide to the Birds: Eastern and Central: ISBN-13: 978-0547152462 https://amzn.to/3sXT4W0 OR Western: ISBN-13: 978-0547152707 https://amzn.to/3eiLm4P
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-ornithology-the-study-of-birds

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Vertebrate Biology
Grade Range	6 th to 8 th grade. Interested high school students are also welcomed to join us.
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	When you think of animals, you likely think of vertebrates. From jawless fish to adaptable humans, we vertebrates occupy most of the ecological niches on the planet. Sign up for this course and find out what makes vertebrates resilient in the fight for survival on Earth.
Course Materials	Field Guides / local pamphlets. For example: Peterson's First Guide to Fish, www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0395911796/catholictreas-20



	Peterson's First Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles,
	www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0395971950/catholictreas-20
	Peterson's First Guide to Birds,
	www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0395906660/catholictreas-20
	Peterson's First Guide to Mammals,
	www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0395911818/catholictreas-20
	NB: The above are not required. Any field guides will do in a pinch, including
	local guides and pamphlets
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/vertebrate-biology-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Pinnipeds, Polar Bears, and Playful Otters
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12
Short Description	You see them in zoos and aquariums, now learn more about the animals who live on the edge of the oceans. Unlike terrestrial mammals, and unlike cetaceans who spend their whole lives in the seas, these three groups are adapted to life on the edge of the water, an amphibious existence both fruitful and dangerous. Join for a fun, deep dive into science!
Course Materials	Audubon's Guide to Marine Mammals of the World (same as Cetaceans) ISBN: 0-375-41141-0 (https://amzn.to/38nbiZb or bookfinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/pinnipeds-polar-bears-and-playfulotters/

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	Kris Correira
Course Name	Kingdom Animalia
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	12

Short Description	This course is an introduction to classification of the animal kingdom traced
	through its evolutionary development. The course is based on the Shape of Life
	and Eyewitness video and provided eBook.
Course Materials	The eBook and other learning resources are provided FREE by Dr. Correira.
	For the lab, the Home Science Tools Intermediate Dissection Kit [DE-KITINT]
	(\$40) or its equivalent is required
	(https://www.homesciencetools.com/product/intermediate-dissection-kit/).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/kingdom-animalia

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Biology
Teacher	Kris Correira
Course Name	Come to Your Senses: The Science Behind Your Five Senses
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Learn the anatomy and physiology of our senses, with a deeper look in this high-interest science course through interesting videos and engaging in labs that align with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for middle school life science.
Course Materials	Learning materials are provided. Please see the syllabus for a list of required lab materials.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/come-to-your-senses-the-science-behind-your-five-senses

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Earth Science
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Water: The Best Molecule
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	4
Short Description	Dive into Water this summer! Water is not just a refreshing way to cool off, it's the molecule which moves mountains, quenches thirst, dissolves chemicals, and
	behaves in weird ways. This course includes 4 quick lectures and simple at-
	home labs demonstrating the wonders of water.
Course Materials	Common items found in the home or market (e.g.: water bottle, sand, milk,
	cocoa); readings and lab forms provided by the instructor.



Course Details Link https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/water-the-best-molecule-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Earth Science
Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Introduction to Botany
Grade Range	6^{th} - 8^{th}
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	Have a green thumb? Love to garden? Want to know more about the biology of plants? Join us for a 12-week tour of the usually lovely—sometimes lethal!—world of plants.
Course Materials	Practical Botany for Gardeners, ISBN-13: 978-0226093932
	(https://amzn.to/3gUr1Tv or BookFinder.com)
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-botany-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Earth Science
Teacher	Kris Correira
Course Name	On Time: The Science and History of Marking Time
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Take a look at seasons, the earth's rotation, the moon's phases, and more! If you want a course that blends history, geography, and religion in a way that makes science fun, this middle school course is for you!
Course Materials	All other learning materials will be provided.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/on-time-the-science-and-history-of-marking-time

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Earth Science

Teacher	MacBeth Derham
Course Name	Geology for Middle School
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	A love of rocks!
Number of Classes	13
Short Description	Learn all about geology, including what a geologist does, the rock cycle, plate tectonics, sediments, crystals, mines, rocks, volcanoes, quakes, and more. In this Middle School Science course, you will get excited about Earth Science as it relates to you and the world.
Course Materials	The Practical Geologist: The Introductory Guide to the Basics of Geology and to Collecting and Identifying Rocks by Dougal Dixon, ISBN: 0671746979 or ISBN-13: 978-0671746971 (www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0671746979/macbethsopinion-20 or bookfinder.com). For students who want to explore the subject more deeply, see optional reading list. below.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-geology-for-middle-school-with-macbeth-derham

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Health Science
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	Health, Fitness, and Wellness
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	In this introductory health and wellness course, you'll learn about how to be happy and healthy in mind, body, and spirit—with discussions, readings, journaling for health, and more!
Course Materials	Everything is provided FREE online from Professor Brown.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/health-fitness-and-wellness

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Science
Subcategory	Physical Science
Teacher	Kathy Dutton
Course Name	Physical Science, Parts One, Two and Three
Grade Range	7 th -10 th
Prerequisite	7 th -grade math, previous or concurrent; Each part is a requirement for the next
_	part



Number of Classes	13 classes in Part One; 18 classes in Part Two; 13 classes in Part Three
Short Description	This is a 'flipped' class. Students are required to watch the Lecture Video
	before the Recorded Class. The Recorded Class is a discussion (question and
	answer) format based on the lecture. Students are expected to answer all
	questions before I discuss the correct answer. We will be studying the matter
	and forces that God used to create our universe.
Course Materials	Text: Holt Science and Technology: Physical Science (Holt, Rinehart, and
	Winston, 2007) ISBN: 0-03-046228-2. We recommend buying used
	(www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0030462282/catholictreas-20).
	Calculator
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/physical-science-part-one-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/physical-science-part-two-2
	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/physical-science-part-three

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Spelling
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	Middle School Spelling Boot Camp (Grades 5-8)
Grade Range	5 th -8 th
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	If you want to make spelling effortless and fun (!) – then this is for you! Get new ways to think about spelling, to make it simple discover games that make spelling downright fun and turn spelling into something you don't have to worry about, because you have "insider information" to make spelling easier!
Course Materials	All learning materials for the course are provided FREE by the instructor. Students should bring two (2) packs of 3x5 cards, a black marker, an 8 ½ x 11 notebook, and a highlighter to class.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/middle-school-spelling-boot-camp-grades-5-8-2

Teacher Course Name	Erin M. Brown Writing Essentials 1: Punctuation & Grammar I (MS 6/7-1)	
Subcategory	6/7 Series	
Subject	Writing	
Grade Level	MS	

Grade Range	7 th or accelerated 6 th grade
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Help your middle school student gain confidence and master must-have skills for writing with this excellent foundational punctuation and grammar course — using specific helps, tips, and how-tos to make your student's critical writing skills strong.
Course Materials	Course materials are included free as PDF files. Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document is required. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs that converts to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/writing-essentials-1-punctuation-and-grammar-i-ms-6-7-1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	6/7 Series
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	Writing Essentials 2: Excellent Sentence & Paragraph Writing I (MS 6/7-
	2)
Grade Range	7 th or accelerated 6 th grade
Prerequisite	Each course in the 6/7 series builds upon the next. Registration in the Writing Essentials 1: Punctuation & Grammar I (MS 6/7-1) course is required so your student has all of the tools and knowledge necessary to succeed in this course. You may take the prerequisite course LIVE or in Unlimited Access (recording) before or during this course.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Help your middle school student learn how to skillfully use the specific and powerful parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, and complete phrases), transitions, linear writing, and more in this must-have foundational writing course that goes beyond "normal" writing courses with practical writing using critical thinking (no workbooks).
Course Materials	Course materials are provided free of charge. Microsoft Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document is required. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs and convert to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/writing-essentials-2-excellent-sentence-and-paragraph-writing-i-ms-6-7-2

Grade Level	MS



Subject	Writing
Subcategory	6/7 Series
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	Writing Essentials: Punctuation & Grammar II (MS 6/7-3)
Grade Range	7 th or accelerated 6 th grade
Prerequisite	Each course in the 6/7 series builds upon the next. Registration in the Writing Essentials 1: Punctuation & Grammar I (MS 6/7-1) and Writing Essentials 2: Excellent Sentence & Paragraph Writing I (MS 6/7-2) courses is required so that your student has all of the tools and knowledge necessary to succeed in this course. You may take the prerequisite courses LIVE or in Unlimited Access (recording) before or during this course.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Give your middle school student the mastery needed for punctuation — creating strong sentences and getting rid of the most common writing mistakes. This critical course helps your student write clearly, free of punctuation and grammar errors.
Course Materials	Course materials are included free as PDF files. Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document is required. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs that convert to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/writing-essentials-3-punctuation-and-grammar-ii-ms-6-7-3

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	6/7 Series
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	Writing Essentials 4: Excellent Sentence & Paragraph Writing II (MS 6/7-
	4)
Grade Range	7 th or accelerated 6 th grade
Prerequisite	Each course in the 6/7 series builds upon the next. Registration in the Writing
	Essentials 1: Punctuation & Grammar I (MS 6/7-1), Writing Essentials 2:
	Excellent Sentence & Paragraph Writing I (MS 6/7-2), and Writing Essentials 3:
	Punctuation and Grammar II (MS 6/7-3) courses is required so that your student
	has all of the tools and knowledge necessary to succeed in this course. You may
	take the prerequisite courses LIVE or in Unlimited Access (recording) before or
	during this course.
Number of Classes	6
Short Description	Help your student craft excellent sentences and paragraphs in writing practice
	through learning and using critical middle school must-haves for writing well
	— and gain understanding with practice in this hands-on writing course that

	goes beyond "normal" writing courses with practical writing using critical thinking (no workbooks).
Course Materials	Course materials are provided free of charge. Microsoft Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document is required. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs and convert to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/writing-essentials-4-excellent-
	sentence-and-paragraph-writing-ii-ms-6-7-4

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	7/8 Series
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 1: Foundations of
	Composition I (MS 7/8-1)
Grade Range	8 th or accelerated 7 th grade
Prerequisite	The writing courses build upon one another and 7/8 students are responsible for previously-learned content in the 6/7-series of courses. Therefore, 6/7-1, 6/7-2, 6/7-3, and 6/7-4 are required. If your student is unable to take the previous courses LIVE, then at a minimum, he or she can watch the recordings on Unlimited Access before taking this course. An alternative to the prerequisite: a passing assessment from the Aquinas Writing Advantage Assessment service. Please contact homeschoolconnections@gmail.com for any questions on permissions.
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Help your middle school student gain writing confidence and become a skilled writer with an introduction to informative, expressive, and persuasive writing, including choosing strong and clear words, crafting strong sentences and paragraphs, and understanding how to write the parts of an essay with personal help and feedback on your work.
Course Materials	Course materials are included free. Microsoft Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document is required, as all assignments are submitted in Word. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs that converts to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/simplified-writing-for-middle-school-1-foundations-of-composition-i-ms-7-8-1-5

Grade Level	MS	
Subject	Writing	
Subcategory	7/8 Series	



Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2: Introduction to
	Essays and Papers I (MS 7/8-2)
Grade Range	8 th and accelerated 7 th grade
Prerequisite	Simplified Writing for Middle School 1: Foundations of Composition I (MS 7/8-1). If your student is unable to take the previous courses LIVE, then at a minimum, he or she can watch the recordings on Unlimited Access before taking this course. An alternative to the prerequisite: a passing assessment from the Aquinas Writing Advantage Assessment service. Please contact homeschoolconnections@gmail.com for any questions on permissions.
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Help your middle school student gain must-have essay writing skills with personal help and feedback on their work, while understanding how to write an excellent introduction with a hook and thesis statement; how to brainstorm, order, and outline; and how to draft, revise, and edit for excellence. Students also learn upper-level paragraph structure. This course prepares your student for high school and helps your student write longer works with confidence.
Course Materials	Course materials are included free. Microsoft Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document is required, as all assignments are submitted in Word. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs that converts to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/simplified-writing-for-middle-school-2-introduction-to-essays-and-papers-i-ms-7-8-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	7/8 Series
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 3: Writing the
	Excellent Essay (MS 7/8-3)
Grade Range	7 th and 8 th grade
Prerequisite	Registration in Simplified Writing for Middle School 2: Introduction to Essays & Papers I (MS 7/8-2). If your student is unable to take the previous courses LIVE, then at a minimum, he or she can watch the recordings on Unlimited Access before taking this course. An alternative to the prerequisite: a passing assessment from the Aquinas Writing Advantage Assessment service. Please contact homeschoolconnections@gmail.com for any questions on permissions.
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	In this advanced-level essay writing course for middle school students, help your student master essay writing with advanced concepts leading the student into high school writing. Taking the concepts learned in the 7/8-1 and 7/8-2

	courses, the successful student finishing this course has the tools and is ready for successful high school essay writing.
Course Materials	Materials are provided FREE within the course.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/simplified-writing-for-middle-
	school-3-writing-the-excellent-essay-ms-7-8-3-4

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	7/8 Series
Teacher	Erin M. Brown
Course Name	SIMPLIFIED WRITING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 4: Writing Form and
	Style (MS 7/8-4)
Grade Range	7 th and 8 th grade
Prerequisite	Registration in Simplified Writing for Middle School 3: Writing the Excellent Essay (MS 7/8-3). If your student is unable to take the previous courses LIVE, then at a minimum, he or she can watch the recordings on Unlimited Access before taking this course. An alternative to the prerequisite: a passing assessment from the Aquinas Writing Advantage Assessment service. Please contact https://doi.org/10.1007/journal.com for any questions on permissions.
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Help your middle school student be fully prepared for high school writing by learning the forms of nonfiction, fiction, informational writing, journalism, descriptive writing, reviews, speeches, Biblical writing, & more. Your student will learn to write in all these forms and how to choose the exact, clear style needed for future writing success.
Course Materials	All materials provided FREE within the course.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/simplified-writing-for-middle-school-4-writing-form-and-style-ms-7-8-4

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Creative Writing
Teacher	Robin Conley, MFA
Course Name	Creative Writing for Middle School, Part One (MS-CW1)
Grade Range	6 th to 9 th Grade
Prerequisite	WRITING ESSENTIALS 1: Punctuation and Grammar I (MS 6/7-1) or equivalent. Students may take the prerequisite through Unlimited Access or as a LIVE course.
Number of Classes	8



Short Description	Get creative and write with this superb introduction to the world of fiction and
	story for middle school students! Learn an overview of what takes to write
	books and stories, poetry, and screenwriting, and get a chance to write using
	what you've learned. It's an addition to the 6/7 and 7/8 series foundational
	academic English and writing courses that can surely help your student excel
	and bring out a love for writing!
Course Materials	All materials are provided free by the instructor. If submitting homework to an
	instructor, students will need to be able to create .doc or .docx files using Word
	or another program like Google Docs (which is free).
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/creative-writing-for-middle-
	school-part-one-ms-cw1

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Creative Writing
Teacher	Robin Conley, MFA
Course Name	Creative Writing for Middle School, Part Two (MS-CW2)
Grade Range	6 th to 9 th Grade
Prerequisite	Creative Writing for Middle School, Part One or equivalent. Students may take the prerequisite through Unlimited Access or as a LIVE course.
Number of Classes	8
Short Description	Get creative and write as you continue into the world of fiction and story for middle school students! Go deeper into what it takes to write books and stories, poetry, and screenwriting, and get a chance to write using what you've learned. It's an addition to the 6/7 and 7/8 series of foundational academic English and writing courses that can surely help your student excel and bring out a love for writing!
Course Materials	Students need the ability to create .doc, .docx, or PDF documents for homework. Students can use Microsoft Word or Google Docs (which is free). All other materials are provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/creative-writing-for-middle-school-part-two-ms-cw2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Creative Writing
Teacher	Cherise Papa
Course Name	Writing Bootcamp: Creating Stories with Pets and Animals as the Heroes

Grade Range	5 th to 8 th grade
Prerequisite	None
Number of Classes	4
Short Description	Learn how to write fiction with animal characters with this one-week, four-lesson boot camp. You'll come away with a new knowledge of storytelling, the elements of fiction, how to increase your creativity, and great writing skills—and it's a lot of fun!
Course Materials	All materials are provided free by the instructor.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/writing-bootcamp-creating-stories-
	with-pets-and-animals-as-the-heroes-2

Grade Level	MS
Subject	Writing
Subcategory	Literary Analysis and Writing
Teacher	Geralyn Rea
Course Name	Introduction to Literature and Writing: How to Read, Interpret, and Write
	about Literature, Parts One and Two
Grade Range	6 th -8 th
Prerequisite	Students with a solid middle school reading level will have success with the readings in this course. MS 6/7 Series recommended; Part One is a requirement for Part Two
Number of Classes	12 classes in each part, 24 total
Short Description	Do you want (need!) to learn how to read literature more easily—and then be able to write about it well? With this course, you'll be able to give "life" and clearer meaning to literature as you engage with great authors, explore literary genres and devices, and learn critical thinking that helps in reading comprehension! If you want to increase your ability to engage more easily with the written word (and write well), then this course is for you!
Course Materials	All reading materials are provided free by the instructor. Microsoft Word or the ability to convert a document to a Word-compatible document. If you do not own Microsoft Word, you can use a system such as Google Docs that converts to Word documents FREE.
Course Details Link	https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-literature-how-to-read-interpret-and-write-about-literature https://homeschoolconnections.com/courses/introduction-to-literature-and-writing-how-to-read-interpret-and-write-about-literature-part-two-2