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## Middle School Program Seventh Grade Curriculum Guide

### **Bible - Purposeful Design**

*The Life of Christ* Bible series is both engaging and effective in teaching young people about Jesus through the four Gospels. Our Middle School students will walk through a chronology of the events concerning Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It includes application questions, personal assignments, and hypothetical case studies.

### **Math – Bob Jones – Fundamental Math**

*Fundamentals of Math* covers math concepts such as whole numbers, decimals, number theory, fractions, and an introduction to algebra and geometry. Problem solving skills and the applications of math to real life are emphasized.

### **Writing - Lucy Calkins**

The Lucy Calkins seventh grade writing series consists of three units.

- Unit 1: Writing Realistic Fiction: Symbolism, Syntax, and Truth - students write engaging short fiction. They lift the sophistication of their writing through attention to individual scenes, symbols, and writing techniques they've discovered from close readings of powerful short fiction
- Unit 2: Writing About Reading: From Reader's Notebooks to Companion Books - students learn to analyze the craft and structure of the authors they admire and to write for real audiences about why that craft matters
- Unit 3: The Art of Argument: Research-Based Essays - students learn to write essays that build convincing, nuanced arguments, balancing evidence and analysis to persuade readers to shift their beliefs or take action

### **Grammar - Multisensory Grammar/Write Source Skills Book**

*Multisensory Grammar* provides a concrete, colorful method for teaching the functions of parts of speech and sentence structure. Routines are put into place for introducing and reinforcing the parts of speech, and strategies that promote students' use of fundamental grammar in oral and written expression.

The *Write Source Skillsbook* provides daily practice for grammar, usage and mechanics.

### **Vocabulary – Bob Jones**

*BJU Press Vocabulary* demonstrates how languages such as Greek and Latin have contributed to modern English.

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**Reading - Novels**

Novels are the basis of the seventh grade reading curriculum. One novel is read each nine weeks.

*The Giver*, Lois Lowry

*The Legend of Bass Reeves*, Gary Paulsen

*The Cay*, Theodore Taylor

*The Hiding Place*, Corrie Ten Boom

**History - Pearson – Texas History**

Seventh graders delve into Texas History topics including:

- Natural Texas and Its People
- The Spanish Colonial and Mexican National Eras
- Revolution and Republic
- Early Statehood, Civil War, and Reconstruction
- Cotton, Cattle, Railroads, and the Age of Oil
- Texas in the Great Depression and World War II
- Era of Civil Rights and Conservatism
- Contemporary Texas

**Science - Bob Jones – Life Science**

*Life Science* provides a thorough overview of the life sciences. Students will explore the living world from cellular biology and genetics to zoology and ecology. Seventh graders will have the opportunity to dissect specimens and study fossil and rock collections.

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