



Ninth Grade

We believe that you have just purchased the best complete curriculum package available, and we want to make getting started as easy as possible for you. Inside you will find all the information you need to get started today.

Our experience is that schoolwork only takes about three hours a day in ninth grade, and your student should be taking responsibility for most of it. This means that he'll have plenty of time to develop his own interests and skills. We recommend finding a need in the community that he can meet and letting him practice his skills there. The future chef may want to volunteer at the soup kitchen, while administrative types may find a local nonprofit that needs help. Our own family loved volunteering for the community hospital and local fire department.

This year's curriculum is straight-forward and easy to use; we are sure it will be a blessing to you. Enjoy this year with your young adult!

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions; you will get a real person who is eager to serve you.

Hints for Planning

READING

By ninth grade, your child's reading likely mirrors his interests. Whether that be firefighting or engineering, cultivate his desire to learn through reading. Assign reading if you must, but encourage it at all costs; a child who enjoys reading will find it easier to excel in every area. By this grade you may also want to begin acquainting him with some of the classics of literature. If this is not his area of interest, consider the graphic novel versions, as they are often a much more palatable option.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Your ninth grader will continue **Easy Grammar's** thorough, but simple approach this year. The daily lessons are short, and only take about ten minutes to complete. Answers are in the back of the book; we encourage you to have your student check his work and learn from his mistakes. **Editor In Chief** provides a weekly opportunity to correct a paper, keeping the basics fresh in your student's mind. **Write Your Roots** is a comprehensive writing program which also allows your student to document his family history. The weekly chapter will challenge some students while others thrive on it. Go with your child's strengths, and feel free to stretch this program over two years if that suits your child better. If you've stayed with our bundles so far, your child has completed Sequential Spelling and has a good grasp of spelling. If not, and your child struggles with spelling, go ahead and add that to your schedule.



THINKING SKILLS

The Fallacy Detective is a very entertaining method for cultivating logical thinking. This program is best with discussion, so we encourage you to read the weekly chapters as a family, if possible.

MATH

Your child will continue using **Teaching Textbooks**, this year working through **Algebra 1**. Like last year, your student will work out of his textbook, going to the computer for lectures and solutions. It is just as self-teaching as ever; you should still find yourself doing little more than giving assignments and watching his progress!



SCIENCE

This year your child will be using **Principles, Theories and Precepts of Biology**, before continuing on to **Precepts of Anatomy and Physiology**. The texts and activities are directed to the student, so you'll find you need to do little more than assign his work. Four sections a week will set a pace to complete both this year. The **Torso Puzzle** will help him visualize and remember these topics in a more hands-on way.

HISTORY

Your child will finish **Mystery of History** this year. The

activity pages for volume 3 have been placed in a separate book, but the easy-to-use approach remains the same. The daily portions (three lessons a week, with reviews and additional activities for the remaining two days), are written directly to your student, though you may want to help him figure out which activity, if any, you would like him to complete each day.

TESTING

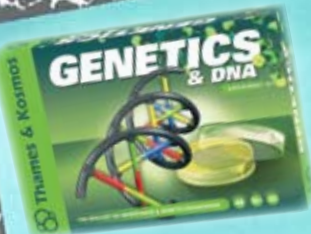
Cracking the PSAT is not just for college-bound students. Every student needs to be prepared to take tests regardless of whether he will be using those skills for his annual state test, for a job application, or to apply for a driver's license. This covers test-taking strategies and time-management points, as well as all the topics covered on the PSAT. Our feeling on practice tests is that, as much as possible, it is best to keep it low key, and let the change of pace be an enjoyable experience. If your student runs into a concept he doesn't know, encourage him to study up on it; that is why you are doing the prep now rather than just waiting to get results back!

THINKING PUTTY.

Thinking Putty is perfect for your student to fiddle with while listening to the Teaching Textbook lectures, or at other times when his mind is more engaged than his hands.



Want More?



SCIENCE RESOURCES

From digital microscopes to science kits, textbooks, and anatomy puzzles, we've found the best resources for you.



Rosetta Stone is far and away the best foreign language program we have ever seen.



A Young Historian's Introduction to Worldview

to Worldview is the most complete, accessible program

we have ever encountered.



Easy-to-Read **Shakespeare** that doesn't miss the point.



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