



Tenth 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 tenth 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 tenth 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. This grade is also an appropriate age to be acquainting him with classics of literature. If this is not his area of interest, consider the graphic novel versions, they are often a much more palatable option.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Your tenth grader will return to **Wordsmith's** engaging approach this year. By the end of the year, expect him to be capable of writing a logical and well-ordered essay. Wordsmith Craftsman offers several different schedules, allowing you to complete the book this year or assign it as a multi-year curriculum. Pick the schedule that works best for your family. **Editor In Chief** provides a weekly opportunity to correct a paper, keeping the basics fresh in your student's mind. If you've stayed with our bundles so far, your child has completed Sequential Spelling and has a good grasp of spelling. However, if for any reason your child struggles with spelling, go ahead and add that to your schedule. This will be your student's final year with **Word Roots**. Complete one page every other school day to finish this year.



MATH

Your child will continue using **Teaching Textbooks**, this year working through **Algebra 2**. 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!

THINKING SKILLS

The Thinking Toolbox 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.



SCIENCE

This year your child will be using **Integrated Physics and Chemistry**. The texts and activities are directed to the student, and he will simply need to complete one lesson and activity (usually a quiz) per day.

HISTORY

Your child will be reading **History of the Ancient World** this year. With no worksheets or lengthy activities, this is a great opportunity for your child to relax and get the big picture. However, if he has not really studied history before, he will probably find it helpful to combine this with *Mystery of History, Volume 1*.

TESTING

Cracking the SAT 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 SAT. 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.



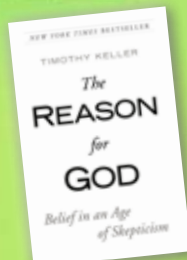
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