

# Grade Four Curriculum Picks

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## Overview Of Grade 4 Curriculum Picks

Here is an overview of the curriculum picks that we suggest for Grade 4. Please note that some subjects provide more than one option. For more information about the curriculum, please refer to the information under **Detailed Information for Grade 4 Curriculum Picks**.

English Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rigorous Approach (Option A): Lightning Literature Gr 4 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry book and readers</li></ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lighter Approach (Option B): Language Lessons for a Living Education 4 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible; Sarah, Plain and Tall novel with Literature Kit (or alternate); Growing up in Wild Horse Canyon by Karen Autio with <a href="#">teacher's guide</a> (or alternate)</li></ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math Lessons for a Living Education 4, OR</li><li>• Dynamic Classroom Math 4, OR</li><li>• Jump Math New Canadian Edition 4.1 and 4.2</li></ul>

<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Elementary Teacher's Big Book of Graphic Organizers</li> </ul> <p><b>Biology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Pals are Here Science International 2nd Edition (Marshall Cavendish) Level 4 Textbook, Workbook and Teacher's Guide</li> <li>• Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology (Apologia) Lesson 11</li> <li>• What is a Biome? by Bobbie Kalman</li> </ul> <p><b>Chemistry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Pals are Here Science International 2nd Edition (Marshall Cavendish) Level 5 Textbook, Workbook and Teacher's Guide</li> </ul> <p><b>Physics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Pals are Here Science International 2nd Edition (Marshall Cavendish) Level 5 Textbook, Workbook and Teacher's Guide</li> </ul> <p><b>Earth/Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seasons, Tides and Lunar Phases by Tara Haelle</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courage &amp; Conquest by Northwoods Press</li> </ul>
<b>Bible/Christian Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Life's Castles Student Manual by Positive Action for Christ</li> </ul>
<b>Optional Resources</b> (not detailed below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM Starters: Zip-Line Racers (ADST)</li> <li>• I Am Canada: Blood and Iron (English Language Arts, Social Studies)</li> <li>• Hudson's Bay Company Adventures (English Language Arts, Social Studies)</li> <li>• Canadian Handwriting D (English Language Arts)</li> <li>• Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids Gr. 3-4 (Health Education)</li> <li>• ScienceWiz Energy Kit (Science)</li> <li>• Discovering New France (Social Studies; use with Courage and Conquest)</li> <li>• Canada Map Book 3 (Social Studies)</li> </ul>

# Detailed Information for Grade 4 Curriculum Picks

## English Language Arts

**OPTION A: Lightning Literature Gr 4 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry book and readers**

**Type of Resource:** Home Education Curriculum

**Description:** Lightning Literature is a language arts curriculum designed to instill a love of literature in students, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts. The key components of this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. The Teacher's Guide contains the answers to the comprehension questions and the grammar pages, instructions for daily composition, a discussion guide for each book, and suggestions for additional activities. The Workbook and Guide can be purchased separately, in a set together, or in a pack with the readers. The author's goal in writing this series is to "instill a love of great literature in children, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, improve their communication abilities, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts." The three key components to this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. This year, students read a variety of great children's literature, classic and modern. Two books written in verse encourage students to explore poetry in different ways than they may have previously. An inspiring nonfiction story of a boy's quest in Africa to bring electric power to his home provides lessons on expository, descriptive, persuasive, and narrative writing. The consumable four-color Student Worktext contains comprehension questions, discussion questions, instruction on grammar (including sentence diagramming), workbook pages, and a reading journal. Workbook answers are in the Teacher's Guide. The Workbook and Guide can be purchased separately, in a set together, or in a pack with the readers. You'll need something else for teaching spelling, learning to read, and penmanship.

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Samples: [Teacher Intro](#), [Teacher's Sample](#), [Student Workbook Sample](#)

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources: [Worksheets](#)

**OPTION B: Language Lessons for a Living Education 4 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible; Sarah, Plain and Tall novel with Literature Kit (or alternate); Growing up in Wild Horse Canyon by Karen Autio with teacher's guide**





**Type of Resource:** Workbook

**Description:** This course utilizes a story-based approach, using Charlotte Mason's ideas for the modern homeschool student with character-building themes. Each quarter has five stories, two picture studies (one of which is biblically-based), and two poems (one of which is a psalm). Using the spelling words and the Dictionary Worksheets, the student will create their very own dictionary as they move week by week through the material. This course incorporates picture study, memorization, grammar and punctuation, spelling and vocabulary, observation, and application through creating their own stories through pictures, sentences, paragraphs, poems, psalms, and letters. This course also develops reading skills and gently develops narration skills.

Students will build on and reinforce essential communication skills as they achieve proficiency in grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and reading comprehension. Independent reading and mastery of effective sentences and paragraphs are at the heart of this course. Students will enjoy poem, hymn, and picture studies and faith-growing stories to inspire detailed and descriptive paragraphs. Activities include memorizing poems, Scripture, and the books of the Bible, creating a dictionary, gentle narration and copy work, and critical thinking games to hone and apply their writing and reading skills creatively.

Additional copy work, fun games, and activities are in the back for extra practice of key grammar concepts and spelling, making the course easily adaptable to meet the needs of each student. Writing stamina is built up gradually. By the end of the course, students should be able to comfortably write a four to five-sentence paragraph. [101 Favorite Stories from the Bible](#) is a required resource for this program.

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**Other Optional or Supplementary Resources**

- [Language Lessons 4 - Dictionary](#)
- [Language Lessons 4 - Word Shapes](#)

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[PDF Samples](#)

## Sarah, Plain and Tall Novel with Literature Kit

**Type of Resource:** fiction novel and workbook

**Description:** Students begin by imagining the hardships of living as a pioneer on the American prairies. Answer true or false questions about Sarah's letter to Anna and Caleb. Complete sentences from the story with their missing vocabulary words. Do some investigation to learn about mica, something that Sarah says her dune sparkled with. Use events from the story to inspire a tercet poem. Students imagine interviewing Sarah about her experiences. The comprehension quiz works great as a study guide for a final exam. Written to Bloom's Taxonomy; additional crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included.

**About the Novel:** a story filled with wisdom, gentle humour and the practical concerns necessary for a satisfying life. This Newbery Medal-winning story is based on the true adventures of a family living on the vast prairie in the early years of the 20th century. The story begins when Anna and Caleb missing their mother who died, wish for another woman to make their father laugh again. Sarah responds to an ad, stating she will come by train, wearing a yellow bonnet and that she is plain and tall. And into their lives comes Sarah, with her own needful loneliness and searching to help them create a whole family. But life on the endless prairie can be hard and unforgiving, taking all a person's strength and courage just to survive.

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[Free Bonus Worksheets](#)

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## Growing up in Wild Horse Canyon by Karen Autio with Free Teacher's Guide

**Type of Resource:** nonfiction picture book

**Description:** explores Okanagan history by focusing on Wild Horse Canyon in Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park (south of Kelowna, BC) and its vicinity. This narrative nonfiction picture book, with illustrations by Loraine Kemp, includes natural and social history.

A hidden canyon in British Columbia's southern interior, a ponderosa pine tree sprouts. Season pass as the tree grows, witness to generations of human history in the Okanagan Valley, from First Nations quests to fur brigades, horse wrangling, secret wartime commando training, to the firestorm of 2003. Richly illuminated by maps, illustrations and historical images and informed by a timeline and historical notes, this fascinating book weaves First Nations history with European settlement and natural history. By following the thread of one tree growing one sheltered and sacred space, award-winning author Karen Autio gently explores patterns of colonization that will resonate with readers all over North America.

“ **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** This resource also addresses many standards in Grade 3 Social Studies, especially when the activities in the teacher guide are explored.

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[Reviews](#)

[Teacher's Guide](#)

[Sample Pages \(Amazon\)](#)

[Growing Up In Wild Horse Canyon Sample on Sora](#)

# Mathematics

Singapore Primary Mathematics 2022 Edition is not mentioned here because as the grades progress, it is more difficult to "jump in" to this method of learning. It is still a strong option and can be considered for students looking for an academically rigorous curriculum. A **placement test** is strongly recommended before selecting a level.

## Option 1: Math Lessons for a Living Education 4

**Type of Resource:** workbook

**Description:** teaches math concepts through engaging, real-life stories and practical application. In Level 4, a summer spent in Peru has meant a lot of changes for Charlie, Charlotte, and their growing family! Your student joins them as they see new sights on a family trip, explore the role math plays in their adventures, develop important character traits, apply critical thinking skills, and discover how mathematical concepts interact with the world around them.

Math is a living subject that happens all over everyday life! In *Math Lessons for a Living Education Level 4*, students learn math concepts such as fractions, metric units of measurement, basic geometry, and averaging through exciting, real-world stories and applications. A blend of stories, copy work, oral narration, and hands-on experience brings the concepts to life, invites the student to explore the world around them, and gives this math course a Charlotte Mason flavour.

This course includes: convenient Daily Schedule; short, engaging 15-30 minute lessons; full-colour worksheets; answer key; manipulatives section, and features convenient perforated pages.

**Students will learn:**

- New Fraction Concepts
- Multiplication with Carrying using 11's & 12's
- Measurement
- Division with Remainders
- Decimals
- Geometry

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[Placement Tests](#)

[Series Overview Video](#)

[Series Overview Webpage](#)

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## Option 2: Dynamic Classroom Math Grade 4 Workbook

**Description:** curriculum aligned for each Province. Easy for students to get started due to the clear explanations with guided examples and step-by-step solutions. Students gain confidence by working through exercises that are structured for all ability levels. Unit tests provide students and parents with feedback on topic mastery. Students and parents have access to video lessons that are directly connected to the book and provide that extra level of support to gain confidence and excel in math (video lessons are optional and cost extra).

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[Samples](#)

[Pricing](#)

[Video Bundle](#)

Supplementary Resources: [video lessons](#), [free resources](#)

## Option 3: Jump Math New Canadian Edition Student 4.1 and 4.2 - Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 4 (Parts 1 and 2)

**Type of Resource:** workbooks

**Description:** in conjunction with the [New Canadian Edition](#) of JUMP Math's teacher resources, **Student Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 4** is designed to cover the curriculum for Grade 4 mathematics, with units on:

- Number Sense
- Patterns and Algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Probability and Data Management

The New Canadian edition of AP Book 4 is printed in two parts, Book 4.1 and Book 4.2. In order to cover the full curriculum, students will need *both* parts.

“ **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** The multi-modal approaches to solving math problems presented in this resource can be a benefit to some students, but other students may find this approach confusing and would be better served with a program that presents a consistent approach to solving problems

#### [Website](#)

On pages where there are multiple grade options, choose the correct grade from the dropdown menu.

[Teacher Resource/Lesson Plans](#) (free when you register online as a Teacher)

#### **Other Optional or Supplementary Resources**

- [Answer Keys for AP Book 4](#) (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- [Quizzes and Tests for Grade 4](#) (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- [Curriculum Guides for Grade 4](#) (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- [Digital Lesson Slides for Grade 4](#) (free when you register online as a Teacher)

[Table of Contents](#) (free when you register online as a Teacher)

[Sample Pages](#) (free when you register online as a Parent)

- Student AP Book 4.1
- Student AP Book 4.2
- Grade 4 Problem-Solving Lessons

# Science

## The Elementary Teacher's Big Book of Graphic Organizers

100 ready-to-use graphic organizers that help elementary students learn

**Type of Resource:** workbook

**Description:** graphic organizers are a powerful metacognitive teaching and learning tool. These graphic organizers can be used before learning, during learning, or after learning activities. This resource provides tools to help students understand relationships between facts, terms, and ideas.

“ **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** this resource can be utilized where resources do not provide a way to interact with the material presented. Teachers and students can pick and choose organizers that appeal to them and are readily adaptable to the material they are learning. It is a recommended pick for grades 2 - 5 and can be used again year after year.

#### [Website](#)

# Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

## My Pals are Here Science International 2nd Edition (Marshall Cavendish) Level 4 Textbook, Workbook and Teacher's Guide



**Type of Resource:** classroom curriculum

**Description:** My Pals are Here Science focuses on awareness, collaboration, and critical and inventive thinking using an inquiry-based approach. The program is for Grades 1-6 and is based on the principles of engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation. Includes many engaging hands-on activities and caters to various learning styles.

Although this series was written for a classroom environment, it can be easily adapted for a home learning setting.

- [Video Overview](#)
- **Samples**
  - [Textbook 4](#)
  - [Activity Book 4](#)
  - [Teacher's Guide 4](#)

[My Pals Are Here! 2nd Edition Gr K-6 Science Correlations to BC's Curriculum Standards](#)

## Biology

### Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology (Apologia)

Lesson 11 addresses the Grade 4 standard of humans sensing and responding to their environment. This resource is also recommended in the Grade 5 and 6 picks (and a full description can be found [here](#)).

### What is a Biome? by Bobbie Kalman

Use this book with one of the "Graphic Organizers" resources mentioned on this page to assist with learning and reinforcing key concepts.

**Type of Resource:** nonfiction book

**Description:** the earth has over 30 types of biomes, some of which are home to thousands of ecosystems. All of the plants and animals living in these huge natural areas depend on one another for survival. Children will love learning about life in each major biome. Using simple-to-understand text and beautiful images, What is a Biome? clearly defines the concepts of biome and climate and covers:

- the world's biomes, including forests, deserts, grasslands, wetlands, oceans, and the chilly arctic tundra
- how wildlife has adapted to their biome's particular climate
- biomes in danger

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## Earth/Space

### Seasons, Tides and Lunar Phases by Tara Haelle

Use this book with one of the "Graphic Organizers" resources mentioned on this page to assist with learning and reinforcing key concepts.

**Type of Resource:** nonfiction book

**Description:** the Earth rotates on its axis, causing day and night, and revolves around the Sun, causing changes in season and weather occurrences

[Website](#)

# Social Studies

## Courage and Conquest: Discovering Canadian History 7th Edition by Northwoods Press

**Type of Resource:** softcover student home education resource book

**Description:** a chronological study of Canadian History including all major events in the settlement of Canada to Confederation. Each lesson includes references to literature sure to captivate the student's interests. Text, reproducible work pages and timeline picture with each lesson. Includes exciting living text geared for upper elementary.

Assignments with each lesson introduce the Six Historical Thinking Concepts for critical thinking. Colour timeline pictures complement each lesson. Historical fiction titles are listed for each topic, both in print and out of print for library users. While this resource is most suitable for upper elementary, all ages can benefit.

**The following additional resources are recommended to deepen the quality of learning not essential to this independent guide.**

- Stowing Away with the Vikings - fiction
- Gold Rush Fever: A Story of the Klondike, 1898 (fiction; out of print)
- The Kids Book of Canadian History - highly recommended
- The Kids Book of Canada's Railway - highly recommended
- The Kids Book of Canadian Exploration - highly recommended
- Discovering Canada Series by Robert Livesey and A. G. Smith (7 books in the series)

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**Digital Content:** To collect digital content on a product you have purchased Login (or create a user account) and enter the code inside the front cover on the Redeem Code Field (original purchaser only).

Sample of this book can be seen in the photos on [this page](#).

# Bible/Christian Studies

## Building Life's Castles Student Manual by Positive Action for Christ

**Type of Resource:** workbook

**Description:** encourage the study of God's Word with this full-colour workbook filled with approachable exercises that teach biblical truth and apply what is taught. This Student Manual includes

- Engaging Design—full-colour activity pages with original artwork, puzzles, and maps
- Vocabulary Sections—key terms from Scripture
- Music Curriculum—hymn lyrics included in the back of the book
- Life Applications—activities to encourage self-reflection and character development

Fourth Edition improvements include . . .

- Segmented sessions and a simplified layout that help with planning
- Greater variety of student exercises to encourage recall, conceptual thinking, and higher reasoning
- Additional map activities and graphics for visual engagement with the material
- Dedicated personal application or journaling section at the end of each lesson

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[PDF Sample of Student Manual](#)

**Other Optional or Supplementary Resources**

- [Free printable verse cards](#)

**Teacher's Manual:** provides tools for teaching and discipling students. With features including a weekly schedule, lesson objectives, discussion questions, and character trait activities, you'll have everything you need to help your students grow in their knowledge of God and His Word.

“ **Note from curriculum consultant:** although it is recommended to use the teacher manual with this resource, students can use the student manual alone with minor adjustments.

[PDF Sample of Teacher's Manual](#)

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