Grade Six Curriculum Picks

> Many of these curriculum picks can be **borrowed for preview purposes** through the **Learning Commons Search Portal** or accessed through our **Sora** virtual library at no cost. If you are ready to purchase, **some** recommended curriculum may be available through our **Used Bookstore**, or resources can be purchased from one of our **comprehensive vendors**.

> Vendor websites are pick-and-choose, and some optional or alternate suggestions may be listed, so carefully select your items.

Overview Of Grade 6 Curriculum Picks

Here is an overview of the curriculum picks that we suggest for Grade 6. 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 6 Curriculum Picks.**

English Language Arts	• Rigorous Approach (Option A): Lightning Literature Gr 6 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry book and readers OR • Moderate Approach (Option B): Essentials in Writing 6 with Novel Studies OR • Lighter Approach (Option B): Language Lessons for a Living Education 6 by Master Books and The 10-Minute Bible Journey by Dale Mason with Novel Studies
Mathematics	• Sixth Grade Math with Confidence Complete Set (Instructor Guide and Student Workbooks A & B) OR • Dynamic Classroom Math 6 OR • Jump Math New Canadian Edition 6.1 and 6.2

Science	> It is unnecessary to purchase or borrow all of these books. Please talk with your support teacher about which of these resources is best for you and which areas can be supplemented with online resources. **Biology** • Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology Textbook and Notebooking Journal by Jeannie Fulbright and Brooke Ryan, MD (Apologia) Lessons 9 - 14 **Chemistry** • Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics Textbook by Jeannie Fulbright and Notebooking Journal - Chapter 5 **Physics** • Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics Textbook by Jeannie Fulbright and Notebooking Journal - Chapter 6 **Earth/Space** • Space and Extreme Environments Unit Study Kit
Social Studies	• Digital Literacy Mini Unit Study Kit • Economics and Globalization Unit Study Kit • Global Issues Unit Study Kit • Shifting Horizons: War and Its Impact Unit Study Kit • World Governments Unit Study Kit
Bible/Christian Studies	• Who Is My Neighbour? Textbook by David Webb, John Hay (Apologia)
Optional Resources (not detailed below)	• Egg Drop STEM Starters by Teacher Created Resources (ADST) • Above and Beyond with Critical Thinking and Problem Solving by Megan Kopp (Career Education) • Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids Grades 5+ by Teacher Created Resources (PE/Health Education

Detailed Information for Grade 6 Curriculum Picks

English Language Arts

OPTION A: Lightning Literature Gr 6 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 for all books covered in the Student Workbook, as well as four chapters on poetry 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. You'll need something else for teaching spelling and penmanship. The books are listed in the order they are read for the course in the description of the Student Workbook. 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 of this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. Students read a variety of great children's literature, classic and modern. Grade 6 Lighting Literature continues the Lightning Literature method of teaching intelligent reading, composition, and grammar using great children's literature. Students are introduced to new authors, exciting stories, and different cultures and experiences. The consumable four-colour Student Worktext contains comprehension questions, discussion questions, instruction on grammar (including sentence diagramming), and workbook pages. Workbook answers are in the Teacher's Guide. The workbook asks questions on the reading, teaches (and quizzes on) grammar and mechanics, and introduces composition techniques. Each week, students write something of their own to keep their composition muscles exercised and growing. 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 and penmanship.

WebsiteReview

Samples: Teacher Intro, Teacher's Sample, Student Workbook Sample

OPTION B: Essentials in Writing 6; Novel Studies

Type of Resource: homeschool curriculum
Description: features a slow, systematic approach for students aged 11-12 who want to learn how to write well. The step-by-step approach allows students to focus on small, daily assignments so they don't feel overwhelmed.

- Includes access to ONLINE Student Book and Teacher Handbook
- Includes lesson-by-lesson online video instruction for students
- includes 12-month online video lesson access with FREE renewals
- Includes 100% free customer service and teacher support
- includes Alternative Instructional Strategies for Struggling StudentsAssessment/Resource Book providing quizzes and comprehensive unit tests available for add-on

Website

Video Lesson Sample

Free Trial

OPTION C: Language Lessons for a Living Education 6 by Master Books and The 10-Minute Bible Journey by Dale Mason; Novel Studies

Type of Resource: workbook and supplementary book
Description: students will focus on the essentials of written communication as they master and apply their skills to grammar, spelling, reading comprehension, and vocabulary expansion. Independent reading and writing proficiency are developed by consistently writing clear, effective sentences within dynamic paragraphs. In practising these skills, students will start to incorporate more creative challenges, such as figures of speech and descriptive writing.

Students will also review and integrate the eight parts of speech, tricky words and verbs, parts of a story, poems, Bible genres, map studies, picture observation, and much more. With a large Teacher Aids section included, students are equipped to meet any writing challenge. Written with a Charlotte Mason influence but designed for modern homeschoolers, the course also includes a Scope and Sequence, daily course calendar, assessment charts, recommended reading list, spelling practice ideas, and grammar sheets.

Website

Series Overview

Placement Guide

Review

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- Language Lessons 6 - Dictionary
- Language Lessons 6 - Word Shapes

Table of Contents (under "Scope & Sequence")

PDF Samples

Novel Studies

> **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** These novels have been selected as a cross-curricular resource to address Gr. 6 social studies content standards; however, alternate novels can be chosen instead.

Number the Stars (or similar) novel with Literature Kit by Classroom Complete Press

Type of Resource: novel with workbook
Description: Experience the fear and danger of World War II as one girl risks her life to save her Jewish friend. High-quality, detailed questions and support materials go beyond the typical drill questions. Find proof from the text that shows Mama is determined and quick-thinking. Put events at the end of World War II in order that they happened in the novel. Find examples of foreshadowing in the story and explain what it may be hinting at. Match vocabulary words to their underlined synonyms in the sentences. Create questions for the game Jeopardy using information from the story. Conduct an interview with one of the characters from the book with questions and the character's response. Additional crosswords, word searches, comprehension quizzes, and answer keys are also included.
About the Novel:
A story of a ten-year-old girl, her family and their courageous journey to save the lives of their Jewish friends. During the darkest days of World War II, living in Copenhagen, ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen is caught up in these unfolding historical events when she learns that the life of her best friend, Ellen Rosen, is in danger. The Rosens go into hiding, and Annemarie's parents volunteer to take Ellen into their home until the voyage to Sweden, a safe country, can be arranged. Annemarie is thrust into several perilous adventures as she does the utmost to save the lives of the Rosens. Annemarie's courage and ingenuity are severely tested as she is forced to confront German soldiers intent on killing her friend.

Website

Video Overview

Reviews (click the link, then scroll down on the left side)

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources (free Number the Stars Bonus Worksheets)

PDF Samples (select sample page images on the left side)

Underground to Canada by Barbara Smucker, novel with Literature Kit by Classroom Complete Press

Type of Resource: novel with workbook
Description: Understand the importance of freedom and what lengths people will go to achieve it. Our comprehensive resource saves time with useful and detailed activities in a range of styles, from vocabulary, multiple choice and short answer questions. Imagine what the story would be like if it was set today, and better understand the issues that would cause two girls to run away. Become familiar with Julilly and her family with true or false questions. Identify which character said the provided statements. Rewrite the story with a third child taken on the journey. Draw Julilly and Liza's journey on a map.
About the Novel: A sensitive and dramatic story about a young girl's escape from slavery. Julilly is taken away from her mammy by a ruthless slave trader and is sold to the Riley Plantation. Sims oversees all the slaves and is very abusive toward them. If the slaves don't produce, obey rules or try to run away, he will whip them as punishment. She longs for the day when she and her friend Liza are free and can live in peace. Julilly meets a young Canadian ornithologist named Alexander Ross, who helps four slaves escape through the Underground Railroad north to Canada. Julilly, her friend Liza, Lester, and Adam travel following the North Star to freedom.

Website (including samples, video overview and reviews)

Bonus Materials

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord novel with Progeny Press Study Guide

Type of Resource: novel with workbook

Description: Formatted with your Upper Elementary grade student in mind, Progeny Press language arts study guides divide the book into writing assignments and lessons that build and strengthen their reading comprehension and vocabulary and establish their critical analysis and writing skills. Each Progeny Press novel study accomplishes all of this without busy work that can drain the fun out of reading and literature!

- Vocabulary: Understand words used throughout the novel, utilizing a variety of activities to stimulate retention and growth.

Math

Option 1: Sixth Grade Math with Confidence Complete Set (Instructor Guide and Student Workbooks A & B)

Description: Sixth Grade Math with Confidence is the final level in the series and provides a bridge from elementary mathematics to pre-algebra and middle school math. The program combines clear parent-led instruction with visual models, real-world applications, ongoing review, and increasingly independent practice as students work with more advanced mathematical concepts.
Grade 6 topics include:

- Whole-number operations and exponents
- Fractions and mixed numbers
- Decimals
- Ratios, rates, and percentages
- Integers
- Variables and simple equations
- Coordinate graphing
- Area, volume, and surface area
- Data and statistics
- Multi-step problem solving and reasoning

> **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** This level is a strong bridge into pre-algebra, with particular emphasis on fractions, decimals, ratios, percentages, and introductory algebraic thinking. Students work more independently, but families should expect continued parent instruction when new concepts are introduced.

Math with Confidence

MWC Sixth Grade Information

Instructor's Guide Sample

Student Workbook A Sample

Student Workbook B Sample

See how Math with Confidence aligns with BC's curriculum in our Math with Confidence Correlations to BC's Curriculum Spreadsheet

Option 2: Dynamic Classroom Math Grade 6 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).

Website

Samples

Pricing

Video Bundle

Supplementary Resources: **video lessons**

Option 3: Jump Math New Canadian Edition 6.1 and 6.2 Student Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 6 (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 6** is designed to cover the curriculum for Grade 6 mathematics, with units on:

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

NOTE: The New Canadian edition of AP Book 6 is printed in two parts, Book 6.1 and Book 6.2. In order to cover the full curriculum, students will need *both* parts. The Teacher's Resource is highly recommended and is free when you create an account at https://jumpmath.org/.

> **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 6** (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- **Quizzes and Tests for Grade 6** (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- **Curriculum Guides for Grade 6** (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- **Digital Lesson Slides for Grade 6** (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 teacher)

- Teacher Resource 6.1
- Teacher Resource 6.2
- Student AP Book 6.1
- Student AP Book 6.2
- Grade 6 Problem-Solving Lessons

Science

Biology

Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology Textbook and Student Notebooking Journal Lessons 9 - 14

> Students in grade 6 should complete lessons 9 - 14, plus pages 80 - 81, which briefly addresses the excretory system. *(Lessons 1-8 address Grade 5 content standards).*

Type of Resource: home education student textbook and student notebooking journal (like a workbook)

Description: From the brain in your head to the nails on your toes, you and your students will encounter fascinating facts, engaging activities, intriguing experiments, and loads of fun as you learn about the human body and how to keep it working well. Beginning with a brief history of medicine and a peek into cells and DNA, your students will voyage through fourteen lessons covering many subjects, such as the body systems: skeletal, muscular, respiratory, digestive, cardiovascular, nervous and more! They'll study nutrition and health, how God designed their immune system to protect them, along with embryology and what makes them a unique creation of God.
As they work their way through the course, your students will enjoy adding the organs about which they learn to their own personalized human figure to be placed in their course notebook. In addition to all this exploration, your students will enjoy scientific experiments and projects, such as testing the bacteria content around the house, finding their blood type, creating a cell model from Jello and candy, and even building a stethoscope!
In keeping with the other books in the Apologia elementary science Young Explorer Series, the Charlotte Mason methodology is employed with engaging narratives, narration prompts and notebooking projects, all of which reinforce their learning using proven techniques that strengthen retention.

Website

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Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- Anatomy & Physiology MP3 Audio CD
- Anatomy & Physiology MP3 Download/Audiobook
- Anatomy & Physiology Audiobook on Audible
- Anatomy & Physiology Audiobook on iTunes

Table of Contents and PDF Samples:

- Student Textbook
- Notebooking Journal

Additional Support:

- How to Use Notebooking with Elementary Science in Your Homeschool
- A Step-by-Step Guide to Using Apologia's Elementary Science Homeschool Curriculum

Chemistry and Physics

Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics Textbook by Jeannie Fulbright and Notebooking Journal

> **Chapter 5 addresses grade six chemistry standards; chapter 6 addresses grade six physics standards.**

This resource is recommended to address chemistry and physics standards for grades 3, 5, and 6. A full correlation of Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics to BC's Gr 1 - 6 science standards can be found here.

Type of Resource: home education curriculum

Description: Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics is part of Apologia's award-winning Young Explorer Series and a curriculum specifically designed for elementary students. From the laws of motion to electricity and magnetism to the very building blocks of creation, this course is a God-honoring study about some of the most impactful scientific principles that are at work all around us. As your student works through this course, their scientific curiosity and confidence will explode as they engage with the vivid graphics, thought-provoking lessons, and hands-on experiments that will bring theory to life.

Curriculum Overview
We believe that your child's education is at their best when their learning begins with curiosity. That's why this course was designed for elementary students with no prerequisite. We use the practical concepts and things in their world to help them to learn and experience that science isn't just a class–it's a means for them to discover their world! Apologia's Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics course is written in a conversational tone, and takes complex and abstract concepts and makes them approachable for curious young minds. As your student engages with the lessons, projects, and experiments, they will better understand the fascinating world of chemistry and physics, and the Master Designer who created it all.

Throughout this course, they'll study and explore the basic building blocks of creation, atoms and molecules, simple chemicals, the laws of motion, energy in its many forms, as well as concepts of electricity and magnetism. Your student will get to put their learning to work as they have fun making a bouncy ball, developing a smoke bomb, building a solar oven, constructing a working periscope, fashioning a miniature motor, and creating a lava lamp!

Lesson Plans and Materials
There are 14 lessons in this one-year chemistry and physics course. Detailed lesson plans as well as a suggested daily schedule are included in the student notebooking journal (sold separately). This will set you and your student up for success as they work through the course, while also providing flexibility to meet the needs of your student and your family.

Packed with vivid photos and a variety of hands-on activities and experiments that bring chemistry and physics to life, the student textbook and provides engaging hands-on activities to help solidify the concepts learned. The hard-cover textbook and notebooking journals (sold separately) are recommended for your student to make the most of this course.

All of the activities and experiments use easy-to-obtain household items and truly make the lessons come alive!

Website

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Resource Extras

Earth/Space

Space and Extreme Environments Unit Study Kit

Type of Resource: HCOS Unit Study Kit

Description: Welcome to Space and Extreme Environments! This engaging unit study kit has been created to fully align with many of the Big Ideas, content strands, and competencies of the BC Sixth Grade Science Curriculum. It has been written directly for students, marking an exciting step forward in learning independence for many of our HCOS learners. Students will work through seven distinct sections: Engage, Explore, Explain, Apply, Share, Reflect, and Extend. Each section represents a "step" in the "stairs" of learning, guiding students through a comprehensive educational journey. Students will start by exploring important vocabulary and scientific terminology in their glossary. They will view images and begin thinking deeply about the themes of space and extreme environments, creating their own crash course introduction to each of the extreme environments they will explore. Throughout the kit, students will learn about:

- The features of different extreme environments
- The locations of extreme environments
- How people explore and survive in extreme environments
- Features of our solar system
- The relationship between Earth and the rest of the solar system
- Canadian exploration technologies
- Indigenous perspectives on space and the solar system

Download the Unit Study Kit Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

Social Studies

Digital Literacy Mini Unit Study Kit

Type of Resource: HCOS Mini Unit Study Kit

Description: In this mini-unit, students in grades 6-9 will learn about digital literacy, including media, social media, and research, while practicing new skills and discovering how to stay safe and think critically in a digital environment. Addresses Social Studies standards in Grade 6 and some Social Studies, Career, and ADST standards in grades 6-9.

Download the Unit Study Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

Global Issues Unit Study Kit

Type of Resource: HCOS Unit Study Kit

Description: Sixth grade is filled with fascinating opportunities to learn about the modern world. This kit focuses specifically on global issues such as poverty, food and water shortages, human rights, international cooperation, child labour, and more.The phrase “global issues,” may sound somewhat confusing, and that is because it is incredibly broad! Global issues are anything that impacts people and the earth in a significant way. When we say “global issues,” we are usually referring to challenging issues such as poverty, climate change, pollution, racism, slavery, and other similar challenges. In this unit, you will spend time exploring a variety of global issues. You will also complete an exploration of human rights.

Download the Unit Study Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

Economics and Globalization Unit Study Kit

Type of Resource: HCOS Unit Study Kit

Description: Economics and all of the different concepts associated with economics can be both fascinating and confusing. You may not be familiar with what we mean by economics, but don't worry, in this unit you will become an expert! Much like government, economics impacts every aspect of our lives. Every day, the choices we make, the choices our family members make, and the choices our friends make are influenced by the economic situation in which we find ourselves.

Download the Unit Study Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

Shifting Horizons: War and Its Impact Unit Study Kit

Type of Resource: HCOS Unit Study Kit

Description: Coming soon

Download the Unit Study Guide - Coming September 2024
Borrow the Physical Kit - Coming September 2024

World Governments Unit Study KitEconomy and Globalization by Classroom Complete Press

Type of Resource: HCOS Unit Study Kit

Description: This exciting deep dive into world governments is written to the student and designed to usher students into independent learning. Helpful features throughout the kit include a fully linked table of contents, a fully linked timetable, an interactive student presentation, and much more! The kit takes a humanities-based perspective to the study of world governments. Students will explore Social Studies/History, Bible, and Language Arts content. Engaging activities will help students build their understanding of world governments while applying their Communication, Critical Thinking, and Creative and Reflective Thinking skills. As students complete the kit, they will be able to create a crash course in government, play vocabulary matches, build mini-biographies for important historical figures, conduct research and argue for their perspective, dive deeply into books, analyze literature, create a presentation, learn how to craft a persuasive paragraph and become an Island Ruler as they design their own government.

Download the Unit Study Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

Bible/Christian Studies

Who Is My Neighbour?

Type of Resource: Home education curriculum

Description: *Who Is My Neighbor? And Why Does He Need Me?* helps students understand what it means to be salt and light to the world (Matthew 5:13-14). This study will encourage students to develop a Christlike servant attitude based on biblical truths taught in this third book in the What We Believe series. This book covers the following concepts,

- God created me to be a blessing to the world
- God chooses to work through me
- I can make a difference at home, in my community, and at church
- The church is God's family
- The church is one body with many gifts and I am an important member of Jesus' body.

> **Note From Curriculum Consultant:** This resource works really well as a family devotional where discussion and open conversation are encouraged and fostered. The content is suitable for elementary grades through middle school, however, most Grade 7 students could work through this resource independently.

Website

Review

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- Regular Notebooking Journal
- MP3 Audio CD
- MP3 Download/Audiobook
- Audiobook on Audible
- Audiobook on iTunes
- eBook version of the textbook

Table of Contents and PDF Samples

Additional Support

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