

# 2011 – 2012 Curriculum Guide for Seventh and Eighth Grade Writing and Grammar

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## Organization and Content

- Parts of Speech and Verbals
  - Noun
  - Pronoun, relative pronoun
  - Verb—simple, perfect, progressive tenses, passive voice
  - Adjective
  - Adverb
  - Preposition
  - Conjunction
  - Interjection
  - Conjunction—correlative
  - Verbals—participle, infinitive, gerund, verbal phrases with modifiers, functions as different parts of speech
- Sentence Structure
  - Sentence patterns—S-InV, S-TrV-DO, S-TrV-IO-DO, S-LV-PN, S-LV-PA
  - Introduction to dependent clauses, adjective clause
  - Sentence types—declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory
  - Clause structure—simple, compound, complex
  - Sentence errors—fragments, comma splices, fused sentences
- Mechanics
  - Capitalization
  - Punctuation
  - Spelling
- Usage
  - Subject/verb agreement
  - Pronoun/antecedent agreement
  - Pronoun reference
  - Troublesome words (homophones, homonyms, etc.)
- Writing Skills
  - Writing process—planning, drafting, revising and proofreading, publishing
  - Paragraph development—fact, example, statistic, incident/anecdote, sensory detail, reason
  - Paragraph organization—chronological, spatial, order of importance
  - Style—precise words, showing not telling
  - essay—thesis statement, outlining
  - Introductory and concluding paragraphs
- Examples of Writing Projects
  - Description: travel brochure, character profile
  - Exposition: news story, business letter

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- Narration: autobiography, fable
- Persuasion: debate script, print advertisement
- Study and Reference Skills
  - Dictionary—guide words, entry word, syllabification, pronunciation, definition, function label, etymology, usage label
  - Library—types of materials, call number, alphabetizing, Dewey decimal system, Library of Congress system, card catalog, computer catalog
  - Reference tools
  - Parts of a book
  - Scheduling study time
  - Memory techniques
  - Reading comprehension—definitions, restatements, examples, word parts
  - Test-taking strategies—classroom tests, standardized tests

### Special Project

- Five to six page paper; a concurrent requirement for History and Geography

### Textbooks

- *Writing and Grammar for Christian Schools*, Bob Jones University Press
- *The Writer's Toolbox*, Bob Jones University Press
- *How To Write Term Papers and Reports*, L. Sue Baugh