

CLS HIGH SCHOOL BOOKLIST 2025/2026

EARTH SCIENCE

- Earth Science: God's World, Our Home (Nelstead)

CHEMISTRY

- General Chemistry (Mays)

BIOLOGY

- General Biology (Ayala, Rogstad)

LOST TOOLS OF WRITING

- Level 1 Student Workbook (Circe Institute)
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Lewis)

SPANISH

- Excelerate Spanish 2 videos (provided with CLS membership)
- Excelerate Spanish 2 Lesson Book
- Excelerate Spanish 2 Workbook
- Spanish for Children, Primer A, student edition (Kraut, Foose, & Durrell)

SPEECH/GOVERNMENT

- The Art of Argument Student Workbook. ***REVISED EDITION*** (Larson)
- Lend Me Your Ears *** UPDATED & EXPANDED, PUBLICATION DATE 2004*** (Safire) – you can find used on Amazon

SEMESTER 2:

- Exploring Government ***2023, 4TH EDITION*** (Notgrass)
- We Hold These Truths *** EITHER 2016 OR 2023 VERSION*** (Notgrass)

ANCIENT HISTORY

- Streams of Civilization, volume 1– 3RD EDITION (Hyma & Stanton)
- Bible – printed copy
- (NOTE: A reading schedule for the following books will be included in the class assignments, but this reading is optional. I do, however, *highly* recommend that the students read these books, as they attest to the historicity and reliability of the scriptural accounts. Parents will choose the proper reading level for their students.

LEVEL 1 READING

- Talking with Your Kids About God (Crain) – 1st semester
- The Case for Christ (Stroebel) – 2nd semester

LEVEL 2 READING

- Evidence that Demands a Verdict (McDowell & McDowell) – EXPANDED & UPDATED EDITION – both semesters

SEMESTER 1:

- Motel of the Mysteries (Macaulay)
- Gilgamesh – BERNARDA BRYSON VERSION*
- Tales of Ancient Egypt (Green)
- The Codes of Hammurabi and Moses (Davies)
- The Essential Herodotus (Johnson)**

SEMESTER 2:

- The Last Days of Socrates (Plato)
- Early History of Rome (Livy)
- Annals of Imperial Rome (Tacitus)
- Josephus: The Essential Works – PAUL MAIER EDITION

*The Bernarda Bryson version of GILGAMESH is more expensive than other versions. I have specifically chosen this version because she omits much of the cruder content of the story. You may borrow this book for free and read it online at archive.org if you can't find it for a reasonable price.

** This is an abridged version. I have chosen it for two reasons: one, the unabridged version is very long, and two, this abridged version removes some of the crude content. If you want your student to read the unabridged version, I recommend the Landmark edition edited by Strassler.

LITERATURE/WRITING

- Excellence in Literature, World Literature English 5 (Janice Campbell)
- The Elegant Essay – Student book (Alesha Myers)

SEMESTER 1:

- Mythology (Hamilton)
- The Iliad, by Homer (Fagles translation preferred)
- The Odyssey, by Homer (Fagles translation preferred)
- The Oresteia, by Aeschylus– DOVER THRIFT EDITION

SEMESTER 2:

- Till We Have Faces (CS Lewis)
- The Aeneid (Fitzgerald or Fagles translation preferred)
- Julius Caesar, by Shakespeare – FOLGER EDITION
- Personal Choice Book (list of book choices will be given to the students)