



# LAFAYETTE ACADEMY

— A CLASSICAL SCHOOL —

## FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### In **Grammar & Composition** Lafayette students will:

- write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn basic grammatical elements of a sentence by sentence diagramming
- study Latin and Greek roots and their English derivatives (“English from the Roots Up”)
- learn the basics of composition: introduction, lines of argument, and conclusion
- develop oral speaking skills

### In **Literature** Lafayette students will read and discuss:

- novels such as Tom Sawyer, The Secret Garden, and The Wind in the Willows
- stories from Frederick Douglass, Sherlock Holmes, and Tales from Shakespeare
- Poems such as “O Captain! My Captain!” by Whitman and “The Tyger” by Blake
- Myths and legends such as The Samurai’s Daughter and The Sun Dance

### In **History & Geography** Lafayette students will:

- memorize and identify the Great Lakes of the World
- memorize the location, abbreviations, and capitols of all 50 states
- study the Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and English history
- study the early growth and expansion of Russia and related geography
- study the history and culture of feudal Japan and related geography
- study the history of antebellum America, the Civil War, and westward expansion

### In **Level 5 Math** Lafayette students will:

- add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions
- find the area of triangles and the volume of cuboids
- understand and apply the order of operations to mathematical problems
- analyze data using coordinate graphs and straight line graphs

### In **Science** Lafayette students will:

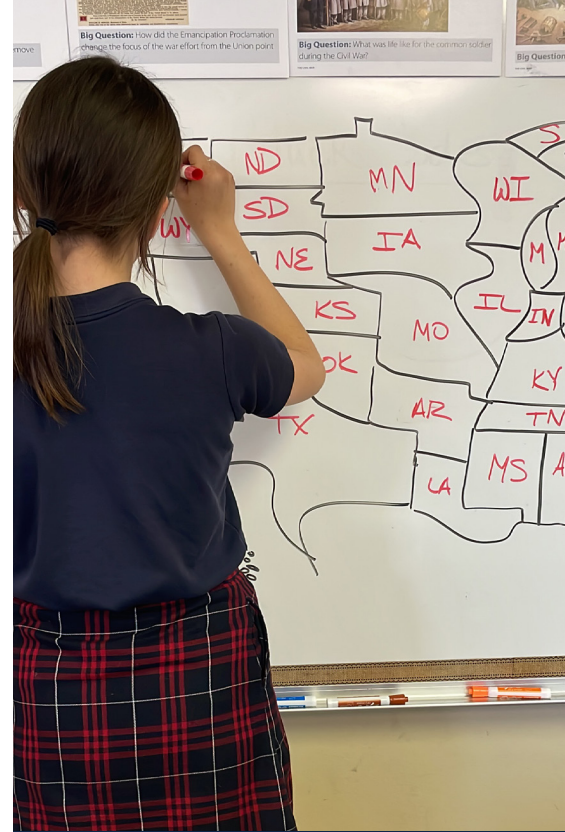
- classify living things by kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, and species
- study the structures and processes of cells in both plants and animals
- examine the asexual reproductive processes of fission, spores, budding, etc.
- study the human endocrine system, including the types of glands and their functions

### In **Art** Lafayette students will:

- study the major works of art from the Italian and Flemish Renaissance
- become familiar with Renaissance architecture such as the Florence cathedral, etc.
- draw, paint, and sketch perspectives using a horizon line and vanishing point

### In **Music** Lafayette students will:

- transcribe given rhythmic patterns as well as compose original rhythms
- listen to and discuss instrumental and choral music from the Renaissance era
- sing from classical repertoire including Donna Nobis Pacem, Greensleeves, and God Bless America
- learn and study antebellum music in addition to American spirituals



## LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

### Novels

Tom Sawyer  
Alice in Wonderland  
The Secret Garden  
The Wind in the Willows

### Poems

“Casey at the Bat” by E.L. Thayer  
“I, Too” by Langston Hughes  
“Narcissa” by Gwendolyn Brooks  
“The Eagle” by Alfred Lord Tennyson  
“The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost  
“The Tyger” by William Blake  
“O Captain! My Captain!” by Whitman

### Stories, Myths, and Legends

Sherlock Holmes stories  
Tales from Shakespeare  
The Samurai’s Daughter  
The Sun Dance  
Coyote Goes to the Land of the Dead

## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

### Field Trips

Junior Achievement of St. Louis Biz Town  
Curriculum Supporting Day Trips