Veritas Prep Book List – 2025-2026

Veritas has a long-standing practice of helping students build their personal libraries over the course of their VPA careers by requiring them to purchase the "Classics to Keep." Having the same version of these texts is critical; students participate in Socratic seminars each day, and ensuring that everyone is quite literally on the same page is essential for robust discussion. In addition, we are teaching students to meaningfully annotate their texts with an eye towards depth of inquiry and sense of wonder. Students should have a clean copy of each text so that they can mark as they read and so that teachers can check annotations and coach students on effective annotation practices.

This year, Veritas is making it easier than ever to purchase your child's consumable books. We have reached out directly to the publishers for discounted rates, and we can provide your student's consumable book list **at a comparable price to Amazon.com.** We love this option because it ensures that all of our students have the same copy of the book, that their text is clean and ready to annotate, and that it will be available on the day we begin each book in class. Please note that book set pricing includes all elective language consumable texts regardless of language choice.

All books will be shipped to and stored at VPA. Teachers will distribute copies of the text to students at the beginning of the applicable unit.

If you are unable to purchase the texts through Configio because of financial hardship or for another reason, kindly contact Nikkol McCallister.

6th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Schaefer	*Shane*	Clarion Books	Please click here to purchase the 6th grade book set
Montgomery	*Anne of Green Gables*	Signet	
Twain	*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*	Penguin Classics	
Grahame	*The Wind in the Willows*	Penguin Classics	
Hullar/Nelson	*The United States: A Brief Narrative History*	Wiley-Blackwell	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
Mathematics Structure and Method: Course 1	9780395480984	MCDOUGAL LITTEL
Science Explorer: Life Science	9780130626431	Prentice Hall
Latin Via Ovid	9780814317327	Wayne State University Press

7th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Gibson	*The Miracle Worker*	Scribner	Please click here to purchase the 7th grade book set
London	*The Call of the Wild*	Signet	
Dickens	*A Christmas Carol*	Dover Publications	
Hamilton	*Mythology*	Hachette	
Shakespeare	*Julius Caesar*	Simon & Schuster	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
The History of the Ancient World	9780393059748	W. W. Norton & Company
Mathematics Structure & Method: Course 2	9780395570135	MCDOUGAL LITTEL
Science Explorer for Physical Science	9780130626457	Pearson Prentice Hall
Latin Via Ovid	9780814317327	Wayne State University Press

8th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Heaney	*Beowulf: A New Verse Translation*	W. W. Norton & Company	Please click here to purchase the 8th grade book set
Potok	*The Chosen*	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	*The Merchant of Venice*	Simon & Schuster	
Golding	*Lord of the Flies*	Penguin Books	
Lee	*To Kill a Mockingbird*	Harper Perennial Modern Classics	
Mills	*Book of the Middle Ages*	Memoria Press	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
Science Explorer: Earth Science	9781323205877	Tarbuck/Lutgens
Algebra Structure and Method: Book 1	9780395771167	Houghton Mifflin
The History of the Medieval World	9780393059755	W. W. Norton & Company
Latin Via Ovid	9780814317327	Wayne State University Press

9th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Williams	*Immortal Poems of the English Language*	Gallery Books	Please click here to purchase the 9th grade book set
Remini	*A Short History of the United States*	Harper Perennial	
Plato	*Plato: Complete Works*	Hackett, Ed. Cooper	
Shakespeare	*Othello*	Simon & Schuster	
Tocqueville	*Democracy in America*	Signet	
Douglass	*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*	Penguin Classics	
Twain	*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*	Penguin Classics	
Thoreau	*Walden and Civil Disobedience*	Penguin Classics	
Cather	*My Antonia*	Mariner Books	
Hemingway	*The Old Man and the Sea*	Scribner	
Fitzgerald	*The Great Gatsby*	Scribner	
Crider	*The Office of Assertion: An Art of Rhetoric for Academic Essay*	ISI Books	
Barbakam	*Lab Notebook 100 Carbonless Pages Spiral Bound*	Barbakam	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
Euclid's Elements	9781888009187	Green Lion Press
Biology Concepts and Applications 10e	9781337094825	Cengage Learning
FR: *Deux Mondes: A Communicative Approach - French I*	9780073535449	McGraw-Hill
Land of Hope	9781641771399	McClay

9th Grade Elective Language Consumables

Latin IV			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Ørberg	*Lingua Latina per se illustrata, pars I: Familia Romana*	Hackett	Included in book set pricing.
Ørberg	*Lingua Latina pars I-Exercitia Latina I*	Hackett	
Owens	*Lingua Latina Glossarium: Pars I*	Hackett	

10th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Plato	*Plato: Complete Works*	Hackett, Ed. Cooper	Please click here to purchase the 10th grade book set
Rousseau	*Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*	Hackett, Trans. Cress	
Shakespeare	*Henry V*	Simon & Schuster	
Locke	*Second Treatise of Government*	Ed. Macpherson	
Shelley	*Frankenstein*	Penguin Classics	
Dickens	*A Tale of Two Cities*	Penguin Classics	
Marx	*Selected Writings*	Ed. Simon	
Austen	*Pride and Prejudice*	Penguin Classics	
Dostoevsky	*Crime and Punishment*	Penguin Classics, Trans. McDuff	
Crider	*The Office of Assertion: An Art of Rhetoric for Academic Essay*	ISI Books	
Barbakam	*Lab Notebook 100 Carbonless Pages Spiral Bound*	Barbakam	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
Algebra & Trig: Structure & Method, Book 2	9780395977255	McDougal Littell
Chemistry: Connections to Our Changing World	9780130543837	Prentice Hall
Western Heritage AP Edition	0131732927	Prentice Hall
***FRENCH**: Collage: Lectures Litteraires*	9780072344004	McGraw Hill
***FRENCH**: Collage: Revision de Grammaire*	9780072343984	McGraw Hill

10th Grade Elective Language Consumables

Latin V			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Sallust	*Bellum Catilnae: Latin Text with Facing Vocabulary and Commentary*	Steadman	Included in book set pricing.
Pharr	*Vergil's Aeneid*	Bolchazy-Carducci	

French

Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
de Saint-Exupéry	*Le Petit Prince* (French edition)	Harcourt, Inc.	Included in book set pricing.

11th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Plato	*Plato: Complete Works*	Hackett, Ed. Cooper	Please click here to purchase the 11th grade book set
Homer/Lattimore	*Iliad of Homer*	University of Chicago Press	
Homer/Lattimore	*The Odyssey of Homer*	Harper Perennial Modern Classics	
Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides	*The Greek Plays*	Modern Library	
Shakespeare	*Hamlet*	Simon & Schuster	
Thucydides	*The Landmark Thucydides*	Free Press	
Aristotle	*Nicomachean Ethics*	Cambridge University Press	
	The New Oxford Annotated Bible	Oxford University Press	
Crider	*The Office of Assertion: An Art of Rhetoric for Academic Essay*	ISI Books	
Barbakam	*Lab Notebook 100 Carbonless Pages Spiral Bound*	Barbakam	
Shakespeare	*Romeo and Juliet*	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	*Twelfth Night*	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	*A Midsummer Night's Dream*	Simon & Schuster	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
Calculus 10th Edition (Thomas/Finney)	9780201441413	Addison-Wesley
Physics, 10th ed., High School Ed.	9781119046998	Wiley
Precalculus Mathematics: A Graphing Approach	9780201529005	Addison Wesley
***FRENCH**: Vagabondages Litteraires*	9780070114449	McGraw-Hill Humanities

11th Grade Elective Language Consumables

Greek			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Balme	*Athenaze. Introduzione al greco antico, vol. 1*		Included in book set pricing.
Barbone	Athenaze I, cap. 1-VIII. Quadreno di esercizi		

Spanish			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Gordon/Stillman	*The Ultimate Spanish Review and Practice, 5th Ed.*	McGraw Hill	Included in book set pricing.
Real Academia Española	*Diccionario práctico del estudiante*	Taurus	

French			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Sartre	*Les Jeux sont faits*	Pearson	Included in book set pricing.
Daudet	*Les Lettres de Mon Moulin*	Hachette	

12th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Plato	*Plato: Complete Works*	Hackett, Ed. Cooper	Please click here to purchase the 12th grade book set
Virgil	*The Aeneid of Virgil*	Yale University Press	
	The New Oxford Annotated Bible	Oxford University Press	
Augustine	*Confessions*	Oxford University Press	
Aquinas	*Treatise on Law*	Hackett	
Dante	*Divine Comedy - Inferno*	Modern Library	
Dante	*Divine Comedy - Purgatory*	Modern Library	
Dante	*Divine Comedy - Paradise*	Modern Library	
Shakespeare	*The Tragedy of Macbeth*	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	*King Lear*	Simon & Schuster	
Machiavelli	*The Prince*	University of Chicago Press	
Montaigne	*Essays: A Selection*	Penguin Classics	
Descartes	*Discourse on Method and Meditations of First Philosophy, 4th Ed*	Hackett	
Milton	*Paradise Lost*	Dover Publications	
Marx	*Selected Writings*	Hackett	
Dostoevsky	*The Brothers Karamazov*, Bicentennial Ed.	Picador; Pevear and Volokhonsky	
Crider	*The Office of Assertion: An Art of Rhetoric for Academic Essay*	ISI Books	
Barbakam	*Lab Notebook 100 Carbonless Pages Spiral Bound*	Barbakam	
Delancey	*A Concise Introduction to Logic*	**LOGIC** Open SUNY Textbooks	
Miller	*The Crucible*	Penguin Classics	
Williams	*A Streetcar Named Desire*	New Directions	
Ionesco	*Rhinoceros and Other Plays*	Grove Press	

School-Loaned Depository Books		
Title	**ISBN**	**Other Notes**
Cutnell & Johnson Physics, 10th ed., High School Ed.	9781119046998	Wiley
Calculus 10th Edition (Thomas/Finney)	9780201441413	Addison-Wesley

RHETORIC: *Classical Rhetoric for the Modern Student*	9780195115420	Oxford University Press

12th Grade Elective Language Consumables

Greek			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Diaz	*Alexandros: To Hellenikon Paidion*	Cultura Clásica	Included in book set pricing.
Sotodosos	*Mythologica*, Cultura Clásica	Cultura Clásica	
Pharr	*Homeric Greek: A Book for Beginners*	University of Oklahoma Press	

Spanish			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
García Márquez	*El Coronel no tiene quien le escriba*	Vintage Espanol	Included in book set pricing.
Cervantes	*Don Quijote de la Mancha:* Edición RAE	RAE	
Anónimo	*Lazarillo De Tormes*/The Guide Boy of Tormes	Penguin Clásicos	
Gordon/Stillman	*The Ultimate Spanish Review and Practice,* 5th Ed.	McGraw Hill	

French			
Author	**Title**	**Other Notes**	**Book Set**
Anouilh	*Antigone* (French Language Edition)	French and European Publications Inc	Included in book set pricing.
Camus	*L'Etranger* (Collection Folio, 2)	Gallimard	
Beaumarchais	*La Barbier De Seville*	French and European Publications Inc	
Moliere	*Le Malade Imaginaire*	Editions Larousse (FR)	
Maupassant/Ropars-Wuilleumier	*Pierre et Jean*	Livre de Poche #2402/ Albin Michel	