

Veritas Prep Book List: 2026-2027

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.

Veritas has made it simple 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 price comparable to that of Amazon.com without families having the hassle of ordering the books individually! 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. 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.

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

6th GRADE

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

School-Loaned Depository Books	
Title	
<i>Mathematics Structure and Method: Course 1</i>	
<i>Science Explorer: Life Science</i>	

7th GRADE

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

School-Loaned Depository Books
Title
<i>The History of the Ancient World</i>
<i>Mathematics Structure & Method: Course 2</i>
<i>Science Explorer for Physical Science</i>
LATIN: <i>Latin Via Ovid</i>

8th GRADE

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

School-Loaned Depository Books
Title
<i>Science Explorer: Earth Science</i>
<i>Algebra Structure and Method: Book 1</i>
<i>The History of the Medieval World</i>
LATIN: <i>Latin Via Ovid</i>

9th GRADE

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

School-Loaned Depository Books
Title
<i>Euclid's Elements</i>
<i>Biology Concepts and Applications 10e</i>
<i>Land of Hope</i>
FRENCH: <i>Deux Mondes: A Communicative Approach - French I</i>
LATIN: <i>Latin Via Ovid</i>

10th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
Rousseau	<i>Discourse on the Origin of Inequality</i>	Hackett, Trans. Cress	Please click here to purchase the 10th grade book set
Shakespeare	<i>Henry V</i>	Simon & Schuster	
Locke	<i>Second Treatise of Government</i>	Ed. Macpherson	
Shelley	<i>Frankenstein</i>	Penguin Classics	
Dickens	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Penguin Classics	
Marx	<i>Selected Writings</i>	Ed. Simon	
Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Penguin Classics	
Dostoevsky	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Penguin Classics, Trans. McDuff	

School-Loaned Depository Books
Title
<i>Algebra & Trig: Structure & Method, Book 2</i>
<i>Chemistry: Connections to Our Changing World</i>
<i>Western Heritage AP Edition</i>
FRENCH: <i>Collage: Lectures Littéraires</i>
FRENCH: <i>Collage: Revision de Grammaire</i>

10th Grade Elective Language Consumables

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

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

10th Grade Supplemental Consumables

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Supplemental Consumables			
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Plato	<i>Plato: Complete Works</i>	Hackett, Ed. Cooper	Please click here to purchase the 10th grade SUPPLEMENTAL book set
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11th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
Homer/Lattimore	<i>Iliad of Homer</i>	University of Chicago Press	Please click here to purchase the 11th grade book set
Homer/Lattimore	<i>The Odyssey of Homer</i>	Harper Perennial Modern Classics	
Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides	<i>The Greek Plays</i>	Modern Library	
Shakespeare	<i>Hamlet</i>	Simon & Schuster	
Thucydides	<i>The Landmark Thucydides</i>	Free Press	
Aristotle	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>	Cambridge University Press	
	<i>The New Oxford Annotated Bible</i>	Oxford University Press	
Shakespeare	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	<i>Richard III</i>	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>	Simon & Schuster	

School-Loaned Depository Books
Title
<i>Calculus 10th Edition (Thomas/Finney)</i>
<i>Physics, 10th ed., High School Ed.</i>
<i>Precalculus Mathematics: A Graphing Approach</i>
FRENCH: <i>Vagabondages Litteraires</i>

11th Grade Elective Language Consumables

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

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

French			
Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
Sartre	<i>Les Jeux sont faits</i>	Pearson	Included in book set pricing.
Daudet	<i>Les Lettres de Mon Moulin</i>	Éditions Croisées	

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12th GRADE

Classics to Keep			
Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
Virgil	<i>The Aeneid of Virgil</i>	Yale University Press	Please click here to purchase the 12th grade book set
Augustine	<i>Confessions</i>	Oxford University Press	
Aquinas	<i>Treatise on Law</i>	Hackett	
Dante	<i>Divine Comedy - Inferno</i>	Modern Library	
Dante	<i>Divine Comedy - Purgatory</i>	Modern Library	
Dante	<i>Divine Comedy - Paradise</i>	Modern Library	
Shakespeare	<i>The Tragedy of Macbeth</i>	Simon & Schuster	
Shakespeare	<i>King Lear</i>	Simon & Schuster	
Machiavelli	<i>The Prince</i>	University of Chicago Press	
Montaigne	<i>Essays: A Selection</i>	Penguin Classics	
Descartes	<i>Discourse on Method and Meditations of First Philosophy, 4th Ed</i>	Hackett	
Milton	<i>Paradise Lost</i>	Dover Publications	
Dostoevsky	<i>The Brothers Karamazov, Bicentennial Ed.</i>	Picador; Pevear and Volokhonsky	
Miller	<i>The Crucible</i>	Penguin Classics	
Williams	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	New Directions	
Ionesco	<i>Rhinoceros and Other Plays</i>	Grove Press	

School-Loaned Depository Books	
Title	
<i>PHYSICS: Cutnell & Johnson Physics, 10th ed., High School Ed.</i>	
<i>CALCULUS: Calculus 10th Edition (Thomas/Finney)</i>	
<i>RHETORIC: Classical Rhetoric for the Modern Student</i>	

12th Grade Elective Consumables

Spanish			
Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
García Márquez	<i>El Coronel no tiene quien le escriba</i>	Vintage Espanol	Included in book set pricing.
Cervantes	<i>Don Quijote de la Mancha: Edición RAE</i>	RAE	
Anónimo	<i>Lazarillo De Tormes/The Guide Boy of Tormes</i>	Penguin Clásicos	

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

Logic & Coding			
Author	Title	Other Notes	Book Set
Delancey	<i>A Concise Introduction to Logic</i>	LOGIC Open SUNY Textbooks	Included in book set pricing.

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Real Academia Española	<i>Diccionario práctico del estudiante</i>	Taurus	

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Supplemental Physics Consumables			
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