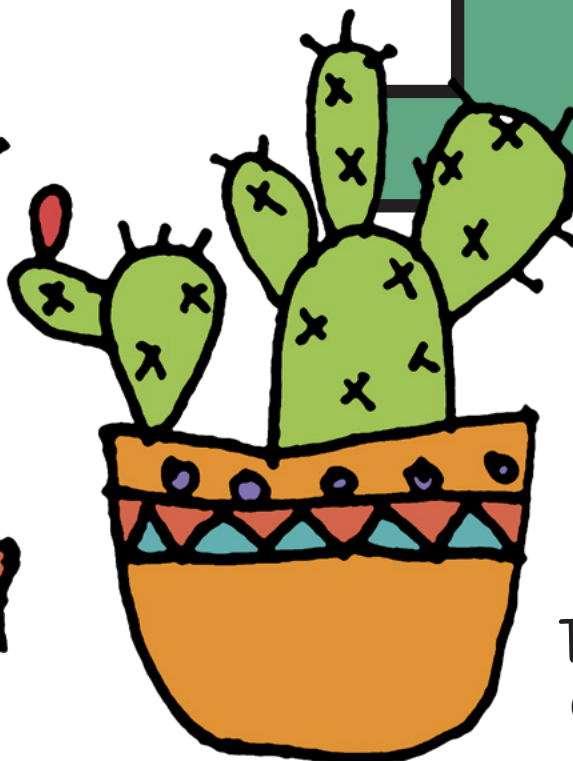
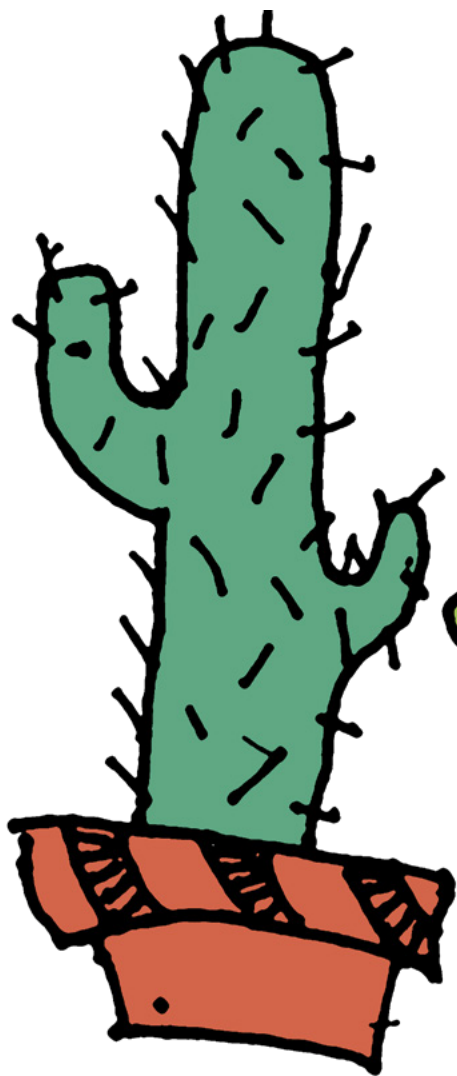




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TIMBERDOODLE'S
CURRICULUM HANDBOOK

2020-2021 Nonreligious Edition



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Congratulations on choosing to homeschool this year! Whether this is your first year or your tenth, we're confident you'll find that there is very little that compares to the thrill of learning!

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!



Preparing for your first school day is very easy. First, peruse this guide yourself, then let your student review the materials so you can plan his schedule together. After planning, you'll simply turn the entire set over to your student and take your place as his coach while his independent learning ability takes off!

GET SUPPORT

Are you looking for a place to hang out online with like-minded homeschoolers? Do you wonder how someone else handled a particular science kit? Or do you wish you could encourage someone who is just getting started this year? Join one or more of our Facebook Groups.

Timberdoodlers of all ages:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Timberdoodle/>

Timberdoodlers with high-school students:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HighSchoolTimberdoodle/>

Timberdoodlers using nonreligious kits:

www.facebook.com/groups/SecularTimberdoodle



SCHEDULE CUSTOMIZER

Your 2020–2021 Eleventh-Grade Nonreligious Curriculum Kit includes access to our Schedule Customizer, where you can not only adjust the school weeks but also tweak the checklist to include exactly what you want on your schedule. To get started, just click the link in your access email and visit the scheduling website!

www.TimberdoodleSchedules.com

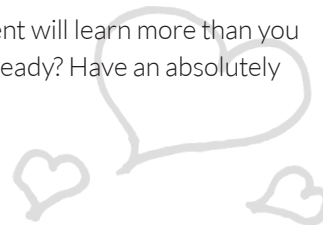
If you ordered through a charter school or don't have that link for some other reason, just email schedules@Timberdoodle.com and we'll get that sorted out ASAP. (Including your order number will really speed up that process.)

WE WILL HELP

We would love to assist you if questions come up, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns. Whether you contact us by phone, email, or live online chat, you will get a real person who is eager to serve you and your family.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS!

This year you and your student will learn more than you hoped while having a blast. Ready? Have an absolutely amazing year!



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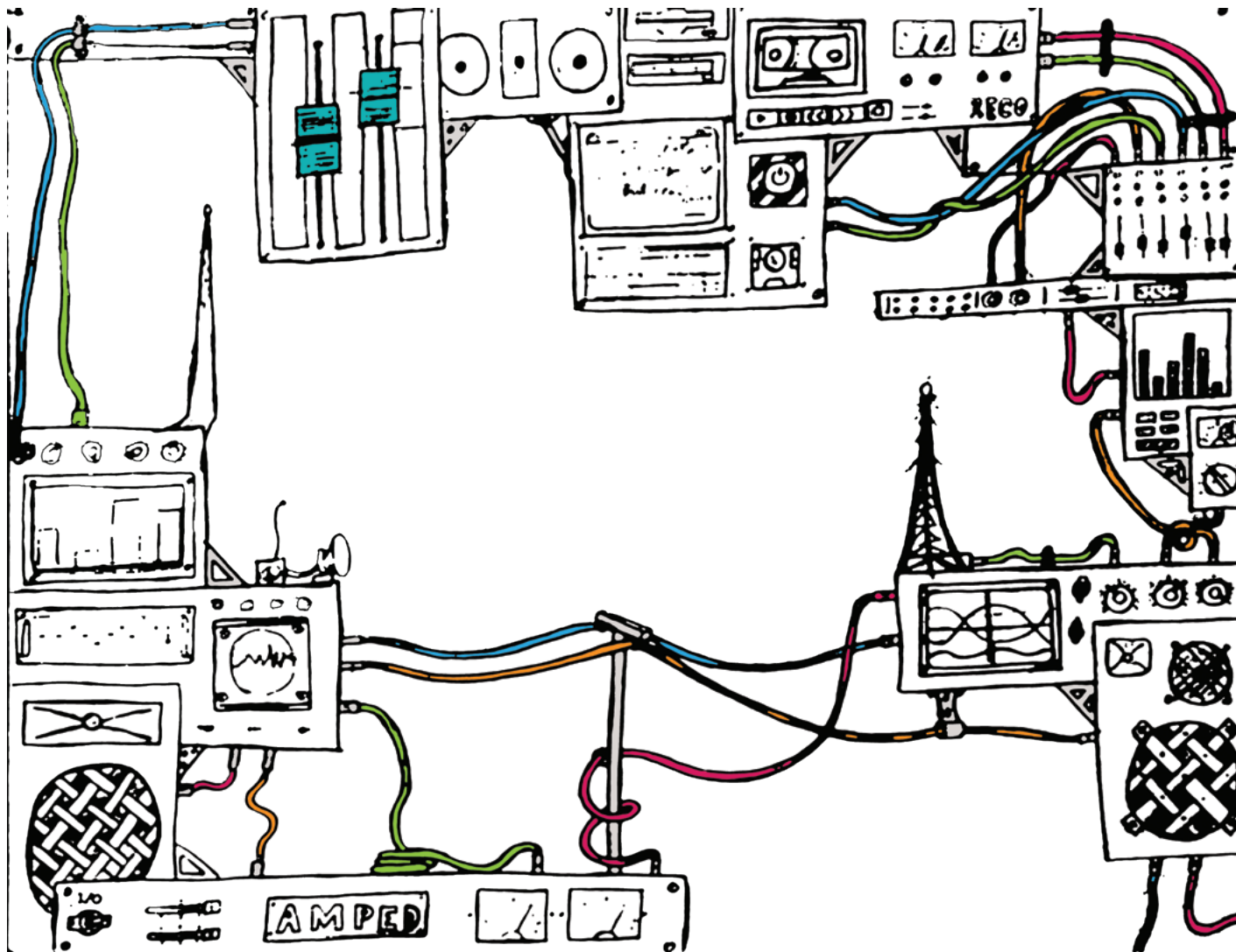
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DEAR PARENT,

Congratulations on homeschooling the high-school years! Whether this is your first year of homeschooling or you've come this far through years of teaching, you've now



reached a real milestone. Not only will your student continue planning for college, apprenticeship, or the specific vocation he has in mind, but you will also be working with him to help him become a truly independent learner.

Your New Role

Think of your role this year as less of a teacher (step-by-step directions and oversight) and more of a career counselor/tutor. You are there to help him stay on track and to give direction and assistance when he gets stuck, but the primary responsibility falls to him. There are many ways to get to that point, but these steps worked for our family.

1. Annual Planning Meeting

At the beginning of the school year, Mom sat down with each student to iron out expectations, motivation, subjects, etc. We would discuss what our goals were, what subjects were mandatory, and which ones the student really wanted to add to the plan. The final step was to determine a completion date and calculate how many weeks we had to complete the work. If you plan around a typical school year, then 36 weeks is what you'll want to base your weekly checklist on. (We suggest that you also take some time at this meeting to work through the *High School Planner* and lay out even longer term goals, such as college or vocational education.)

DEAR STUDENT,

Welcome to your third year of high school! If you've been using Timberdoodle's curriculum kits, you'll already be familiar with how these courses are laid out. If this is your first year, there are a few things you'll want to know.

Simple Is Better

We really believe that, so your guide is as simple as we could make it.

This Kit Is Complete-ish

Timberdoodle's high-school curriculum kits are designed to give you a solid foundation and cover the basics. You will definitely want to add courses that dovetail with your field of interest. For instance, if you're bound for medical school, you will want to learn Latin and add a rigorous anatomy course. Of course, if you're headed to apprentice on a New Zealand ranch, you may better use your time on riding lessons and backcountry emergency medicine! Take a serious look at where you want to be next year and make sure that this year's studies put you on solid footing for that plan.

1. The Planning

First up are all the details on planning your year, including your annual planner and sample weekly checklists, the absolute backbones of Timberdoodle's curriculum kits. More on those in a moment.

2. Reading Challenge

Next up is the reading challenge, complete with book ideas to give you a head start.

3. Item-by-Item Details

We include short bios of each item in your kit, ideal for refreshing your memory on why each is included or what you will be covering this year. This is where we've tucked in any tips or tricks on specific courses for you.

4. Articles and Resources

In this section you'll find our favorite articles and tidbits amassed in our more-than-30 years of homeschool experience.

5. Book Ideas

Finally, we conclude with specific book ideas for your reading challenge this year.

All the Details Included

This Timberdoodle curriculum kit is available in two different standard levels: Complete or Elite. This allows your family to choose the assortment best suited to your interest level, your family's schedule, and the budget. In this guide, you'll find an overview and any tips for each of the items included in the Elite Curriculum Kit. If your family purchased a Complete kit, or if you customized your kit, you chose not

MEET YOUR ONLINE SCHEDULER

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR PLANNERS

Use the Customizer

On the next pages you'll find sample weekly checklists for Complete and Elite kits. Before you photocopy 36 of them, though, take a moment to check out the custom online schedule builder that came free with your kit. You can not only easily adjust the weeks but also tweak the checklist to include exactly what you want listed. Plus, you'll be able to print your weekly checklists directly from the schedule builder so you don't have to do that by photocopying! www.TimberdoodleSchedules.com

Activate Your Account

Before you can get started, you'll need to activate your account for the online schedule builder. If you didn't get an

activation email (perhaps you ordered through a charter school so we didn't have your email address, or perhaps your parents ordered the curriculum under their email and you need that registration transferred to your own email address), shoot us a quick email at schedules@Timberdoodle.com and we'll get that straightened out ASAP. Including your order number really speeds up that process, but our team is skilled at finding your activation info with whatever order data you have.

What's Your Dream Schedule?

Now that you're ready, you'll want to know two things:

1. How Many Weeks Do You Want to Do School?

A standard school year is 36 weeks plus breaks. Some students prefer to expedite and complete the entire year in fewer weeks—a great option for those of you who'd like to get all this year's school done before an apprenticeship begins, for instance. Or perhaps your family, like ours, prefers to school year-round and keep that brain sharp. You will want to keep in mind your state and college requirements for your school year. If they need ____ weeks or ____ hours of school, make sure you meet or exceed that expectation.



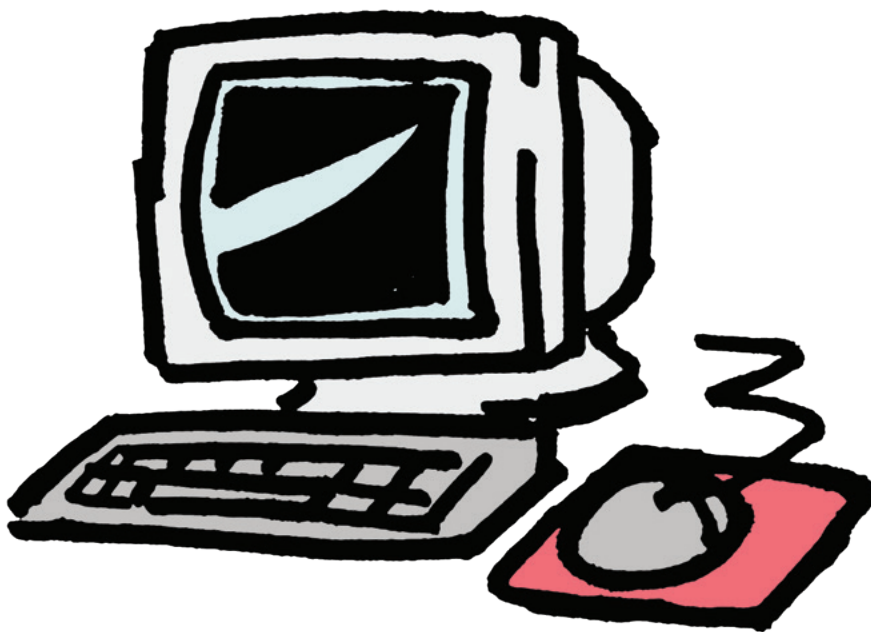
2. What Breaks Do You Want?

Thanksgiving, Christmas, winter break, spring break...you could also add weeks off that you're traveling, have guests, sports tournaments, or...

Typically you'll be adding full-week breaks only, so unless your family is traveling to Disneyland® for your birthday, you don't need to add your birthday to the calendar. For single-day breaks you'll likely prefer to just shuffle the work to earlier/later in the same week and keep on task otherwise. If you're using a daily schedule (more info on next page) though, you may find it worth your time to enter days off as well.

Choose Your Items

Now just pop that data into the online schedule and scroll down to see the items you might have in your kit. Unchecking the boxes for any items you don't have, removes them from your list. You'll also see "Alternative Items" listed under each subject. This usually includes all of our most popular customizations for this grade so that you can simply check a box and switch the scheduler to a higher level of math, for instance.



Add Custom Courses

Your course list is limited only by your imagination. Perhaps you have a volunteer responsibility that you need to log for your résumé, or your family makes up a band and you'd like to have practice on this list, or you need to list ballet since that's P.E. this year. At the very bottom of the page you'll find a place to add as many courses as you'd like. Just walk through the prompts on-screen to get it all set up.

Continued on the next page.

	CURRICULUM	LESSONS OR PAGES	= PER WEEK
Language Arts	English Writing Skills	75 lessons	2-3 lessons
	Implications of Literature: Pioneer	30 sections	1 section
	The Reading Challenge	13-104 books	1/3 to 3 books
Math	Math-U-See	30 lessons	a 5-worksheet lesson
	Dot-to-Dot: Philadelphia	23 puzzles	1 puzzle
Thinking Skills	<h1>SEE YOUR HANDBOOK FOR THE COMPLETE CHART</h1>		
History			
Science			
STEM			
Art			
Etc.			

CALCULATING YOUR CREDITS

HOW TO FIGURE OUT YOUR HIGH-SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT



Every state has the prerogative to calculate high-school credits as it wishes, so we highly recommend that you familiarize yourself with local criteria. (HSLDA.org is an excellent starting place and has some comprehensive articles on this topic.)

That said, many people calculate credits based on hours spent learning. Typically anywhere from 120 to 180 hours a year counts as a single credit. That would be 3.33–5 hours a week in a traditional 36-week school year. So if you find you're spending an hour a day at least three days a week, then it is likely you're completing a one-credit course.

If you're spending 1.5–2.5 hours a week, you're likely completing a half-credit course. Assuming you're completing the courses as intended, the following is one way to count the credits for your eleventh-grade Timberdoodle curriculum. You do need to be completing the relevant assignments (usually the rule is at least 75% of the work) to count each credit.

Across the page you'll see a sample transcript for inspiration, and there is more help on grading here:
<https://timberdoodle.com/blogs/td/how-to-grade>

Need more help? HSLDA offers an inexpensive transcript service designed to make this simple. As of this printing, <https://teachingnook.wordpress.com> also has an excellent free transcript template.

ENGLISH

1 credit composition: *English Writing Skills*

1 credit literature: *Implications of Literature*

MATH

1 credit pre-calculus: *Math-U-See PreCalculus*

SCIENCE

1/2 credit anatomy: *Precepts of Anatomy and Physiology*

1/2 credit biology: *Medical Investigation 101*

SOCIAL SCIENCES

1 credit history: *The History of the Ancient World*

ELECTIVES

1/2 credit STEM/robotics: *Engino Robotics Mini 1.3*

1/2 credit programming/languages: *CompuScholar Python*

1/2 credit critical thinking: *James Madison Critical Thinking*

1/4 credit art: *You Can Draw It in Just 30 Minutes* and
TwoStick Shadows Paint Kit

[SCHOOL NAME HERE] HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT 2020-2021

STUDENT NAME

12345 Crazy-Smart Loop
Anywhere, USA
1(234)567-8910
mykidsemail@email.com
Student ID: 000-00-2005 (or DOB)

SCHOOL NAME

12345 Crazy-Smart Loop
Anywhere, USA
1(234)567-8910
myownemail@email.com

ELEVENTH GRADE 2020-2021

	Credit	Final Grade
English Composition Skills	1	B
Literature	1	A
Pre-Calculus	1	B
Anatomy	.5	A
Biology	.5	A
World History	1	A
STEM/Robotics	.5	A
Computer programming/ languages	.5	A
Critical Thinking	.5	A
Art	.25	A
Total Credits & GPA	6.75	3.70

GRADING SCALE

	Letter	Points
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2
60-69	D	1
0-59	F	0

Parental Certification:

I, [parent's name here], do hereby certify and affirm that this is the official transcript and record of [your student's name here] in the academic studies of Fall 2020 through Spring 2021.

[parent's name], parent/administrator/teacher/principal

date



THE READING CHALLENGE

BASED ON THE READING CHALLENGE FROM TIM CHALLIES

The Reading Challenge will get you reading a broader variety of books this year and perhaps discovering new favorites. This reading challenge is heavily adapted by us and used with permission from author and blogger Tim Challies.

How It Works

On the following pages, you'll find four lists of books that you are meant to read one after another this year. Not all families

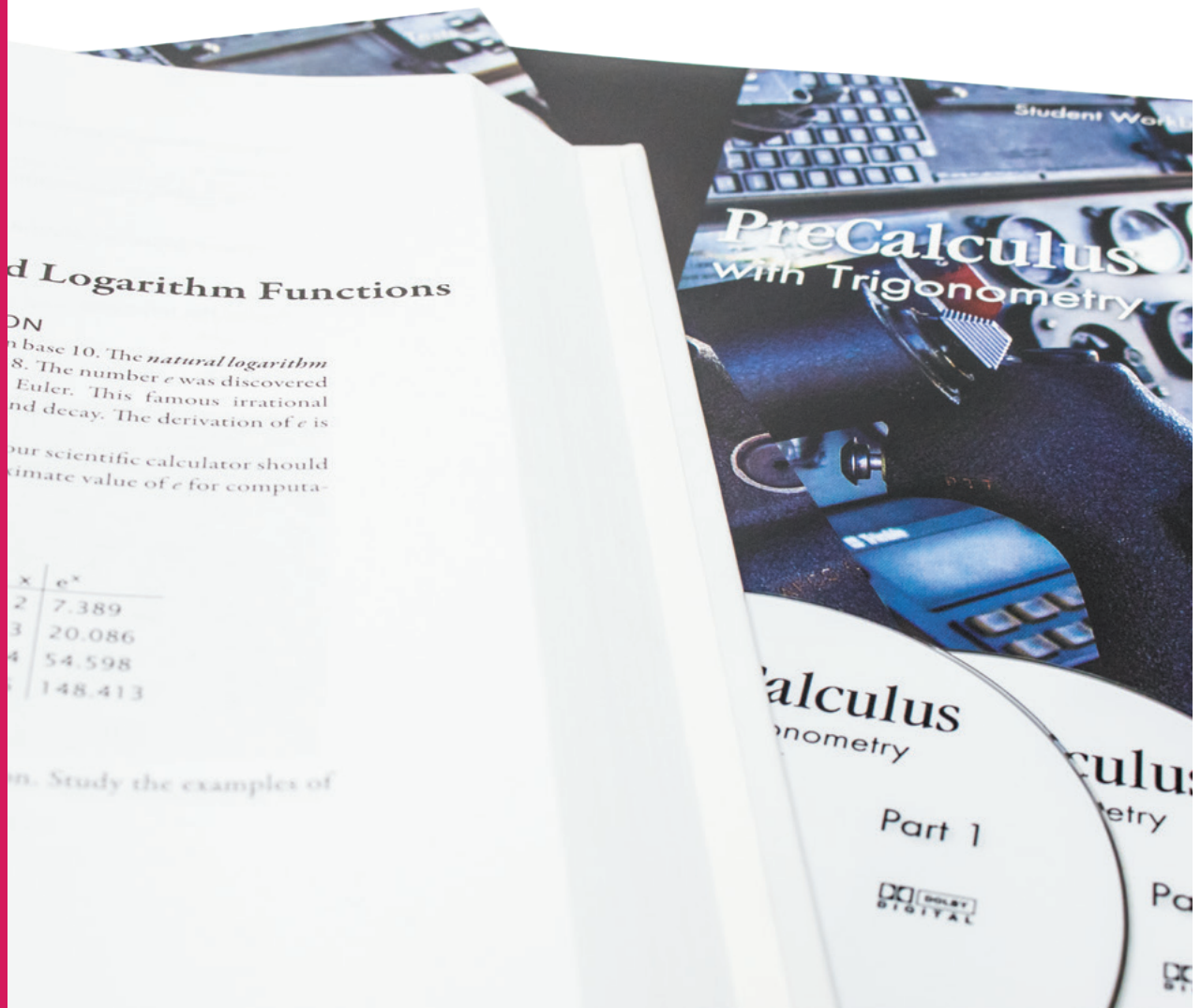
will make it through all the lists, so you will need to choose a reading goal early in the year and set your pace accordingly.

The Light Reader plan has 13 books, which sets a pace of 1 book every 4 weeks. The majority of high-school students can and should do at least this much.

The Avid Reader plan adds another 13 books, which

THE LIGHT READER

The Challenge	The Book You Chose	Date Completed
1. An inspirational book		
2. A book about the world		
3. A biography		
4. A classic novel		
5. A book your grandparent (or other relative) says was his/her favorite at your age		
6. A book about ancient history		
7. A book about the Roman Empire		
8. A book based on a true story		
9. A book an adult mentor recommends		
10. A book more than 200 years old		
11. A book about family		
12. A book about relationships or friendship		
13. A book about race or racial issues		



MATH-U-SEE

If you are looking for a curriculum that ensures you will be able to fully understand each mathematical concept before moving on to another one, you have found it. For more than 20 years, Math-U-See's renowned mastery-based, student-paced program has been the answer for countless families. If you regularly feel overwhelmed when mathematical topics are introduced, you need Math-U-See's systematic, precept-upon-precept math program.

MATH-U-SEE

COMPLETE ~ ELITE

With simple, uncluttered pages, Math-U-See is mastery-oriented, clear, to the point, and effective. In Math-U-See, new ideas are introduced step by step in a logical order, while concepts that have been mastered are reviewed periodically.

Math-U-See's teacher guide and supplemental DVD will teach more than just how to solve a math problem. They will also show why the problem is solved in this manner and when to apply the concept. On the DVDs, each lesson is demonstrated with kind-hearted enthusiasm. DVDs can be played on a DVD player or computer; however, Windows 10 users will need to download a separate video player.

While Math-U-See expects some parental involvement, by this grade you really will be able to work more independently. After all, you can certainly read the instruction manual, and of course you will want to watch the DVD presentation before beginning each lesson. The instruction manuals also include complete answers with step-by-step solutions for all the exercises and tests, and there is extra instruction for the enrichment problems.

Math-U-See is laid out with step-by-step procedures for introducing, practicing, mastering, and reviewing concepts. How do you know when you have mastered a math concept? Not just when you get the answers right, but when you can teach the concept back, especially if you are able to do so with a word problem. Math-U-See will show you how.

You will want to decide as you start the year whether you will be completing the optional "Application and Enrichment" section on each lesson—sometimes considered the honors

portion. If these challenges truly overwhelm you, you should discuss with your teacher whether it would be appropriate to skip them this year. Otherwise, embrace them for the opportunity they provide to help you learn more skills and train your brain to think logically.

Scheduling

You have 30 lessons to complete, so we suggest planning on 1 lesson a week, including the DVD as well as the textbook/workbook portions and any relevant tests.

However, as Mr. Demme points out, some lessons will take you longer than others to achieve mastery. If you find yourself stuck on a lesson, feel free to allow it to take you an extra week up to 6 times this year!



DOT-TO-DOT: PHILADELPHIA

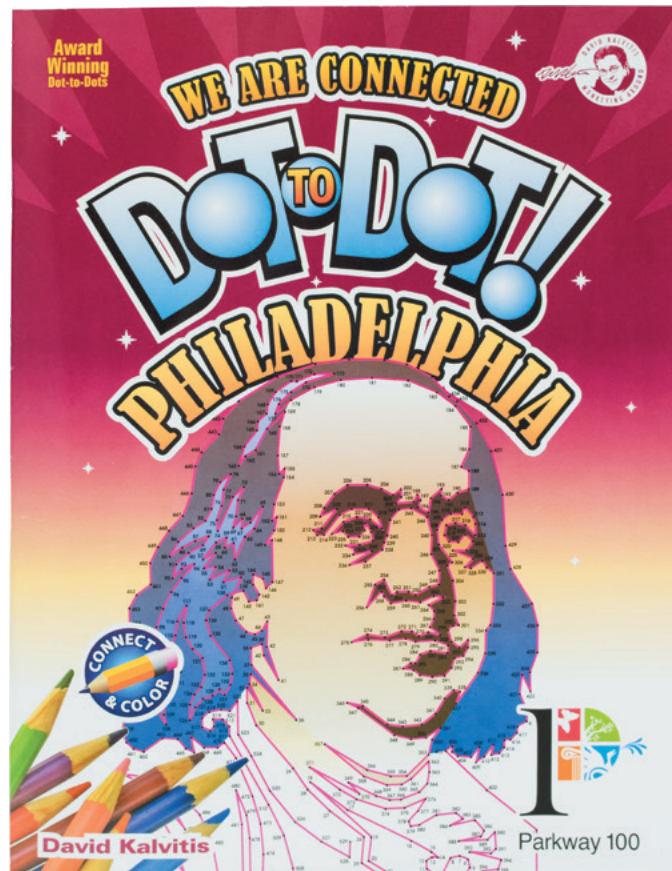
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Dot-to-dots can simultaneously exercise and relax your brain. As you work to complete each dot-to-dot puzzle, both your left brain and right brain will be engaged while you practice mapping and concentration skills.

The Benjamin Franklin Parkway is over a hundred years old, and it runs a mile long. It is Philadelphia's grand cultural boulevard, and one of Philadelphia's most visited destinations. *Dot-to-Dot: Philadelphia* was created to honor the centennial of Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway and includes 23 challenging dot-to-dot puzzles depicting attractions in the Parkway Museums District. Featured are museums, public art, architecture, fountains, and more. There are both one- and two-page puzzles, ranging in size from 156 to 1,690 connectable dots. A page provides a brief history of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and a puzzle key identifies the Parkway attractions that are featured.

Scheduling

With 23 puzzles to complete, doing 1 a week will have you finishing early this year. Each pairs perfectly with your favorite podcast or current audiobook.





402 BOOK SUGGESTIONS

So you love the idea of the reading challenge, but you'd like a boost to get you started? You've come to the right place!

Customize This!

You'll find a few ideas here for each challenge, but don't forget that you're not bound to our list. There are literally hundreds more options that may be even better for you. Use these pages as starter ideas and not as your final list.

Will I See the Same Books Over and Over?

No, not on this list! However, you can expect to see all of these books appear on the lists for the high-school levels, since this list is the high-school reading challenge.

Many books could easily fit into more than one category, but we put each in only one place on your list for your convenience. (Books that are part of a series are the one

402 BOOK SUGGESTIONS, CONT.

1. AN INSPIRATIONAL BOOK

Brave Companions by David McCullough

The Book of Virtues by William J. Bennett

Random Acts of Kindness by the Editors of Conari Press

Chicken Soup for the Soul series by Jack Canfield et al

2. A BOOK ABOUT THE WORLD

The Usborne Encyclopedia of Planet Earth

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

Dove by Robin Graham and Derek L. T. Gill

The Elegant Universe by Brian Greene

In the Beginning: Creation Stories from Around the World by Virginia Hamilton

National Geographic Eyewitness to the 20th Century

Don't Know Much about Planet Earth by Kenneth C. Davis

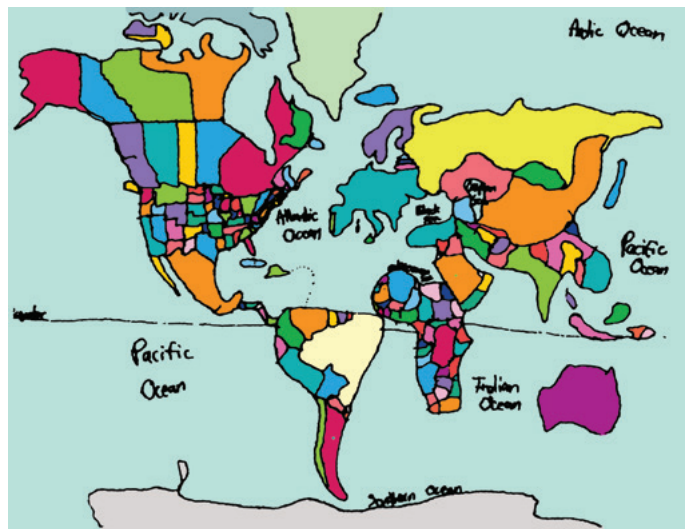
3. A BIOGRAPHY

Pathfinders by Tonya Bolden

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard

Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes by Juan Felipe Herrera

John Adams by David McCullough



Bolívar: American Liberator by Marie Arana

Alexander Graham Bell: An Inventive Life by Elizabeth Macleod

Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to White House by Sterling North

George Washington: Frontier Colonel by Sterling North

Kit Carson and the Wild Frontier by Ralph Moody

4. A CLASSIC NOVEL

Great Expectations and others by Charles Dickens

Pride and Prejudice and others by Jane Austen

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and others by Mark Twain

Little Women and others by Louisa May Alcott

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

5. A BOOK YOUR GRANDPARENT (OR OTHER RELATIVE) SAYS WAS HIS OR HER FAVORITE AT YOUR AGE

Ask your grandparents or other relatives. Or, if that's not possible, ask an older friend for a recommendation.

6. A BOOK ABOUT ANCIENT HISTORY

The History of the Ancient World by Susan Wise Bauer

Usborne Encyclopedia of the Ancient World

The Pharaohs of Ancient History by Elizabeth Payne

Tales of Ancient Egypt by Roger Lancelyn Green

The Cat of Bubastes by G.A. Henty

Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

7. A BOOK ABOUT THE ROMAN EMPIRE

A Beacon at Alexandria by Gillian Bradshaw

Masada: The Last Fortress by Gloria Miklowitz

Song for a Dark Queen by Rosemary Sutcliff

Ancient Rome: How It Affects You Today by Richard J. Maybury

52. A BOOK MADE INTO A MOVIE

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins
Divergent series by Veronica Roth
The Princess Bride by William Goldman

53. A BOOK ABOUT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

My Brother Sam Is Dead by James Lincoln Collier
Time Enough for Drums by Ann Rinaldi
Guns for General Washington by Seymour Reit
Just Jane by William Lavender
George Washington's World by Genevieve Foster
The American Revolution by Bruce Bliven, Jr.

54. A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A LIBRARIAN OR TEACHER

Ask your librarian, ballet teacher, karate instructor, French tutor...

55. A BOOK ABOUT BUSINESS

My Life in Advertising and Scientific Advertising by Claude Hopkins
Made You Look by Shari Graydon
Guerrilla Marketing by Jay Conrad Levinson
Talk Triggers by Jay Baer
The Business Book (DK)

56. A BOOK ABOUT GOVERNMENT

Are You Liberal? Conservative? or Confused? by Richard J. Maybury
Painless American Government by Jeffrey Strausser
The Everything American Government Book by Nick Ragone
The Complete Idiot's Guide to U.S. Government and Politics by Franco Scardino
Congress for Dummies by David Silverberg



57. A BIOGRAPHY OF A WORLD LEADER

The Remarkable Benjamin Franklin by Cheryl Harness
Jack: The Early Years of John F. Kennedy by Ilene Cooper
Ronald Reagan: Our 40th President by Winston Groom
Winston Churchill: Soldier, Statesman, Artist by John B. Severance
Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman
Alexander the Great by John Gunther

58. A BOOK PUBLISHED THE SAME YEAR YOU WERE BORN

You choose. Stumped? We found that searching for "best books of 20__" provided several lists to browse.

59. A BOOK WITH A ONE-WORD TITLE

Sweep by Jonathan Auxier
Hardscrabble by Sandra Dallas
Beauty by Robin McKinley
Walkabout by James Vance Marshall
Persuasion by Jane Austen

60. A BOOK OR MAGAZINE ABOUT A CAREER YOU'RE INTERESTED IN

Ask someone in that career for recommendations, or ask your librarian.