



TIMBERDOODLE SAMPLE PAGES

TIMBERDOODLE'S
CURRICULUM HANDBOOK



Welcome to Eighth Grade

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We're So Glad You're Here!



Congratulations on choosing to homeschool your child this year! Whether this is your first year as a teacher or your tenth, we're confident you'll find that there is very little that compares to watching your child's learning take off. In fact, teaching can be quite addictive, so be forewarned!

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Preparing for your first "school day" is very easy. Peruse this guide, look over the typical schedule, browse the introductions in your books, and you will be ready to go.



We're Here to Help You

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. Have an absolutely amazing year with your child!



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Meet Your Guide

THREE QUICK TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED

All the Details Included

This Timberdoodle Curriculum Kit is available in three different standard levels: Basic, Complete, or Elite. This allows you to choose the assortment best suited to your child's interest level, your family's schedule, and your budget. In this guide, you'll find an overview and any tips for each of the items included in the Elite Curriculum Kit. If you purchased a Basic, Complete, or if you customized your kit, you chose not to receive every item, so you'll only need to familiarize yourself with the ones which were included in your kit.

Simple Is Better

We really believe that, so your guide is as simple as we could make it. First up are the annual planner and sample weekly checklists, the absolute backbones of Timberdoodle's Curriculum Kits. More on those in a moment. Next up are short bios of each item in your

kit, ideal for refreshing your memory on why each is included or to show Dad exactly what your eighth-grader will be covering this year. We've also thrown in our tips or tricks to make this year more awesome for all of you. Finally, we'll conclude with favorite articles and tidbits amassed in our 30 years of homeschool experience.

Why Week by Week Works

We know you. OK, maybe not you personally, but we have yet to meet a homeschooler who didn't have other irons in the fire. From homesteading or running a business to swimming lessons or doctor's appointments, your weeks are not dull. A daily schedule could overwhelm you both, but having a weekly checklist is the perfect blend of enough structure to finish in a timely fashion and enough freedom that your adventures won't make for stressful catch-up days. Relax; this is so doable!

Planning Your Year

HOW TO USE TIMBERDOODLE'S PLANNERS

If You Want to Finish It This Year

A standard school year is 36 weeks long, so that's what our samples here will show. But your family does not have to use that schedule! Perhaps you'd like to expedite this year so all school is done before baby arrives? Or perhaps your family prefers to school year-round and keep that brain sharp?

Use the Customizer

On the next pages you'll find sample weekly checklists for Basic, Complete, and Elite kits. Before you photocopy 36 of them, take a moment to check out the custom schedule builder that came free with your kit. At www.TimberdoodleSchedules.com, you'll not only easily adjust the weeks, but also tweak the checklist to include exactly what you want listed.

Designed for Maximum Flexibility

No two families are identical, so don't expect your pace or daily school time to be identical. Off to the dentist's this week? You won't fall behind by taking a day off. Or perhaps you'd

like to save science for Saturdays so Dad can be involved? Again, perfect! You even have a little slush room in most subjects, so don't hesitate to trim the lessons short on a long week.

Normal

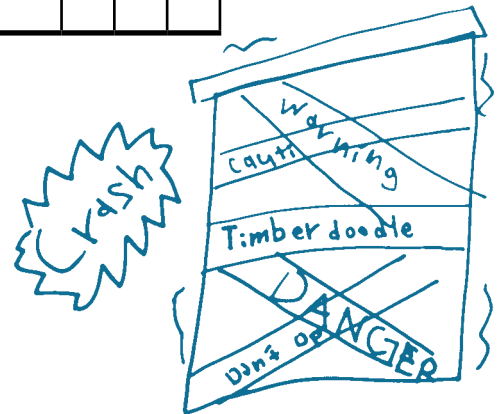
We asked parents who used this kit last year how long their student spent on "school." Over 70% of them estimated that their student spent 3-5 hours a day on their kit. That is a lot of variation and is likely to be impacted by how in-depth you take your child's studies, what your child's learning approach is, how distractable he is, and much more. Make sure you allow yourself and your child some time to find your own rhythm!

Meeting State Requirements

Check <https://www.hslda.org/laws> to see your specific requirements. For many states it is sufficient to simply hang on to your completed and dated weekly checklists along with a sampling of your child's best work this year.

WEEKLY CHECKLIST (COMPLETE)

Language Arts	Easy Grammar Ultimate	5 lessons								
	Writing with Skill	1 week's worth								
	Word Roots Level 2	1- 2 lessons/review								
	Pathway Reader 8	3+ selections								
Math	Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra	4 lessons								
Thinking Skills	Building Thinking Skills Figural	8 pages								
	Gravity Maze Logic	1-2 challenges								
S.T.E.A.M.	Nanoblock Color	1+ models								
History	The Mystery of History 2	1 week's work								
Science	Apologia Physical Science	1 module or its experiments								
Art	Outdoor Adventure Doodles	3 pages								



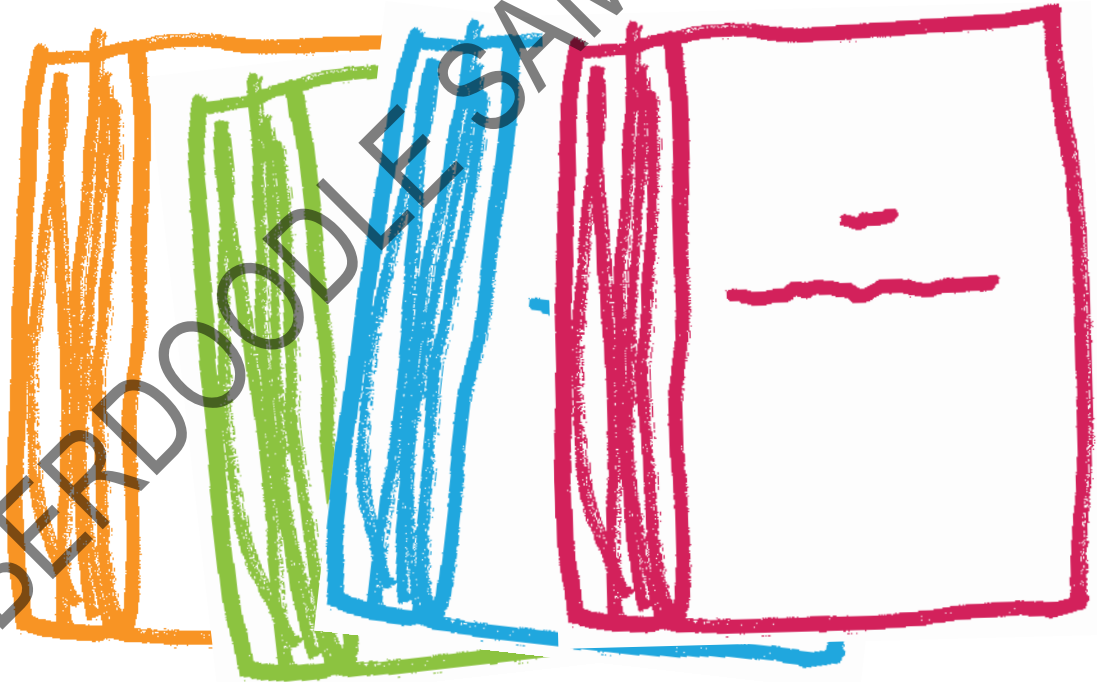


Language Arts

Reading is probably the most important skill your child will practice this year. Whether he is a natural reader or one who doesn't truly enjoy reading, it is critical to make reading as fun and rewarding as possible now.

Our experience is that the best way to cultivate an eager reader is to constantly supply him with reading materials that interest him. Future doctors may want to read up on anatomy, young explorers are drawn to the escapades of adventurers young and old, and the baby-lover in your family will be captivated by adoption stories.

Assign reading if you must, but encourage it at all costs; a child who enjoys reading will find it easier to excel in every area.



EASY GRAMMAR ULTIMATE

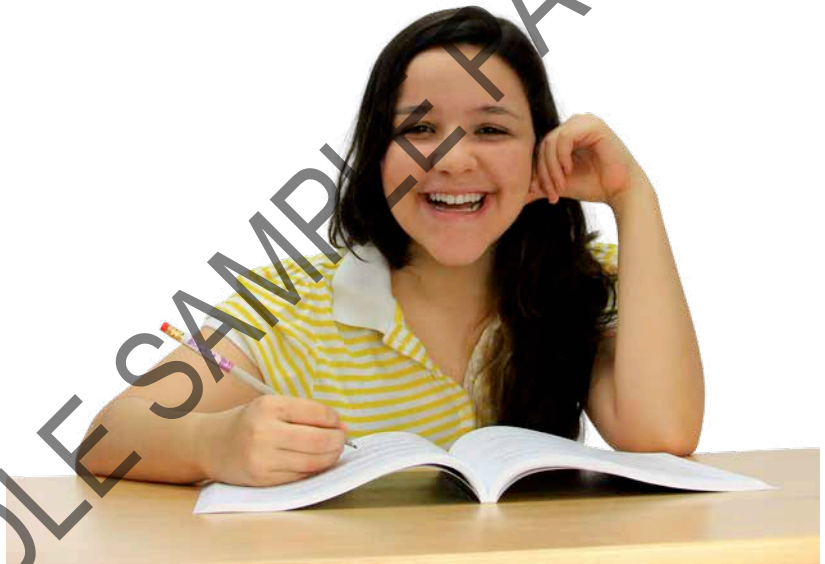
Most children dread grammar study because it is too complex. But Easy Grammar is just that, easy.

Easy Grammar Ultimate 8 is designed specifically to introduce and teach essential grammar concepts to older students, regardless of their previous grammar background. In just ten to fifteen minutes a day, your child will be functioning at her grade level and be competent to undertake any state or college prep tests.

This book contains 180 daily teaching lessons, each divided into five parts: Capitalization, Punctuation, Grammar, Other Concepts, and Sentence Combining (with an emphasis on expository [informational] writing). As a bonus, as your child practices her grammar skills, she will also be learning age-appropriate history, science, literature, geography, and so much more.

Scheduling

Five lessons a week will complete the entire book in a standard school year.



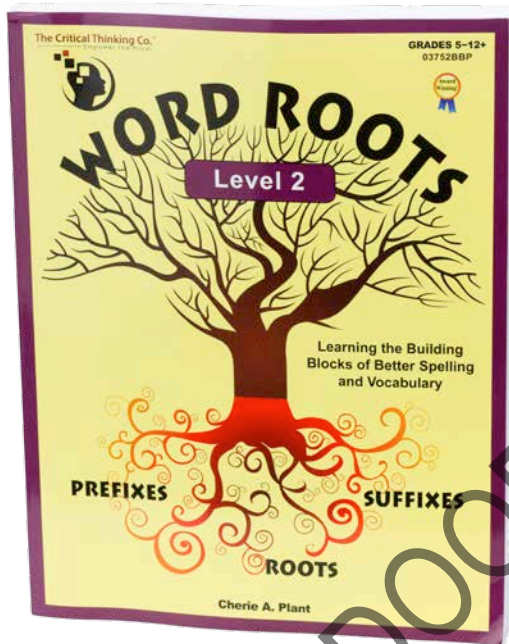
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While a student workbook is available, we have opted to include only a teacher's manual. This is not just to save money, - what's even more important is that having the answers available for your student helps him learn to check his own work, bolstering his ability to work independently.

WORD ROOTS LEVEL 2



BASIC COMPLETE ELITE

Word Roots teaches your child the meanings of Latin and Greek prefixes, roots, and suffixes of words commonly used in English. Word Roots will add hundreds of words to your child's vocabulary and greater depth to his thinking and writing.

Scheduling

With 32 lessons and 16 reviews, you will want to do 1-2 lessons and/or reviews a week.



WRITING WITH SKILL

What if your child could sit under the instruction of one of the world's most well-known homeschool authors? Would he perk up if he knew that his coach was not only a renowned teacher but also one with a great deal of experience in writing?

Now he can! Susan Wise Bauer was homeschooled herself for much of her education, long before homeschooling was popular. She is the author of such popular titles as *The Well-Trained Mind*, *The Story of the World* series, and now *Writing with Skill*.

Writing with Skill provides your child with detailed instructions on how to write basic narratives, outlines, metaphors, research writing, poems, and more.

Rigorous, without being too technical or tedious, and using selections from famous authors to teach the concepts, *Writing with Skill* is a comprehensive writing course conveniently segmented into 36 weeks of lessons.

The Instructor Text provides step-by-step directions, answers, and even scripts to use for explaining trouble areas to your child.

Scheduling

Simply complete one week's work every week and you'll be right on schedule.

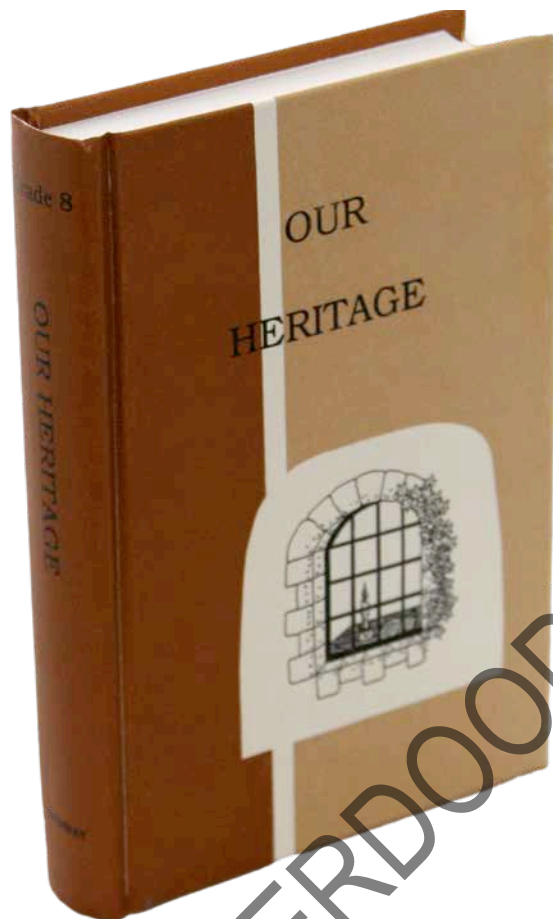


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PATHWAY READER



A family favorite for decades, Pathway readers are written to be used in Amish schools. This volume focuses particularly on Anabaptist history and is fascinating and insightful, even to those who don't share their faith.

Scheduling

With 120 selections to read, completing just over 3 readings a week will have your student easily finishing his Pathway reader this year.

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