







MATERIALS NEEDED FOR POETICS & PROGYM III


Materials, resources, and links listed below are available at Cottage Press: www.cottagepress.net

Required Books and Resources



-  *Poetics & Progym II* TEACHING HELPS Features a full answer key for grammar (Diagramming and Parsing) exercises, tips on teaching, and additional notes and enrichment ideas. Please note that if you are using this in a co-op situation, each teacher at home will also need a copy of the Teacher Manual.
-  SENTENCE SENSE The grammar handbook from Cottage Press for terms & definitions, sentence diagramming, and parsing. Lessons from the 1878 classic *Harvey's Revised English Grammar* are included in *Sentence Sense*, scheduled in *Poetics & Progym I* and *II*, and referenced in *Poetics & Progym III*. This comprehensive and concise grammar reference is also used throughout *Bards & Poets (Language Arts for Intermediate Students)*.
-  ELEMENTS OF STYLE This is the classic student handbook treasured by generations for grammar and usage related to composition. Students will have complete a thorough study of this book; it should accompany them through college and beyond!
-  THREE COMPOSITION BOOKS Each student needs three sewn composition books (100 sheets). These lay flat, and pages tend to stay in better than they do in spiral-bound notebooks. One will be used for a Commonplace Book, one for a Prose & Poetry Handbook, and one for a Writer's Journal. The Prose & Poetry Handbook was begun in *Poetics & Progym I*, and will be completed in *Poetics & Progym III*. The other two notebooks may be continued from the student's earlier work in *Poetics & Progym II*, or the student may choose to begin afresh. See instructions for setting up and using these in the Appendix.

Required Literature




-  DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY The three books of the *Divine Comedy* will comprise our primary literature selection. We recommend the Dorothy Sayers translation.
-  THE GREAT DIVORCE, BY C. S. LEWIS We finish the course with Lewis' imaginative journey from Hell to Heaven, echoing Dante and other voices in the Great Conversation.

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 POETRY ANTHOLOGY Students will be prompted in each lesson to read and copy poems into their Commonplace Books. There are several excellent anthologies linked from the Cottage Press website. Our favorite for this level is *The Oxford Book of English Verse*, edited by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. This out-of-print treasure is quite affordable on used book sites.

Recommended Literature

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 BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! Excellence in writing is inextricably linked to excellence in reading choices. Cottage Press has long-term plans to republish worthy books for students. In the shorter term, an extensive book list will be forthcoming on the website. Visit us often to check our progress!
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 CHRISTENDOM, UNIT III: THE MEDIEVAL MIND – ROMAN ROADS MEDIA To accompany your reading in the *Divine Comedy*, we highly recommend this series of lectures by Wes Callihan. Find these at romanroadsmedia.com). Listen to Lecture 1 before you begin the *Comedy*, and then follow the lecture sequence in the accompanying PDF.

Recommended Resources

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 BOOK OF CENTURIES A blank timeline book for students, from Cottage Press. We provide suggestions in the lesson for entries that should be added to the Book of Centuries. When adding entries to the Book of Centuries, students should include authors and works of literature as well as events and other historical events. For works of literature, format the work properly (poems in quotations, book titles underlined) and include the name of the author and date of composition and/or publication.
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 QUIZLET An online flashcard review site. Cottage Press provides free flashcards at this site for *Poetics & Progym* to use online or to print. Access this resource from our webpage.
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 HARVEY'S PRACTICAL GRAMMAR ANSWER KEY An answer key for the exercises required in *Poetics & Progym* is included in Teaching Helps, but you may wish to access this free online answer key for the rest of the exercises in case you want to use them for extra review. Look for the link on the *Poetics & Progym I* page at cottagepresspublishing.net. This is the correct key to the exercises from *Harvey's Revised English Grammar in Sentence Sense*, even though the name is slightly different.

- ❶ A PRINT DICTIONARY Vocabulary studies are best completed with a big, old-fashioned comprehensive dictionary—the fatter, the better. I recommend an older collegiate dictionary. These generally have not been afflicted with the modern malady of political correctness, and better yet, can often be had for pennies at a used bookstore or thrift store.
- ❷ A THESAURUS will come in very handy for Vocabulary Study and Eloquent Expression lessons. Free online versions, like thesaurus.com work well also, but beware the ads!
- ❸ A RHYMING DICTIONARY will come in very handy for Poetry Analysis and Classical Composition lessons. Also look for free online versions, like rhymezone.com.