

## **LANGUAGE 5**

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Course Description: In this course, students will learn orthography (spelling, penmanship); etymology (vocabulary, word study); syntax (grammar); and composition and poetry; and speaking. Students will learn primarily through mastering the phonograms and using the *Riggs Writing and Spelling Road to Reading and Thinking* method to learn Spelling; practicing cursive writing and penmanship as they record what they have learned in their notebooks; memorizing vocabulary for all Literature, History, Geography, etc.; doing word studies in all our subjects; making their own set of flash-cards to learn eighty Greek and Latin Root Words; using *ABEKA: God's Gift of Language Grammar & Writing* method; and then using *F.A.C.E.* method of grammar to reason as they learn to diagram sentences. They will practice writing many original compositions by writing a first, second, and final draft. They learn to memorize and then practice speaking to large audiences when they present *The Patriotic Program* to the school and community. In addition to being able to discuss their learning, students will demonstrate their understanding of these topics through spelling notebooks and spelling tests; grammar workbooks; root-word flash cards; and word studies. They will write reports, letters, essays, stories, poetry and other forms of compositions and then present some to the class. The most reliable way to receive specific information about course work, including topics and timing, is through Edline or Class Newsletters. For many students, the most challenging part of class is spelling. To support your student, please consider making sure they know the phonograms (and please practice with them until they do) and practicing spelling words with them each night – they need to write the words that we learned that day and any that they misspelled on the test that day.

Key Texts: *ABEKA: God's Gift of Language Grammar & Writing* – Book B