

Core Knowledge at a Glance: Major Topic Headings, 3–5

| | Third Grade | Fourth Grade | Fifth Grade |
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| Language Art/English | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Reading and Writing II. Poetry III. Fiction (Stories; Norse Myths; Greek and Roman Myths) IV. Sayings and Phrases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Writing, Grammar, and Usage II. Poetry III. Fiction (Stories; Legends of King Arthur) IV. Sayings and Phrases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Reading and Writing II. Writing, Grammar and Usage III. Poetry IV. Fiction (Stories; Shakespeare; Myths and Legends) V. Sayings and Phrases |
| History and Geography | <p>World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. World Geography (Spatial Sense; Canada; Important Rivers) II. Ancient Rome (Geography of Mediterranean Region; Roman Empire, “Decline and Fall”) III. Vikings <p>American</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Earliest Americans II. Early Exploration of North America III. The Thirteen Colonies: Life and Times Before the Revolution | <p>World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. World Geography (Spatial Sense; Mountains) II. Europe in the Middle Ages III. Spread of Islam and “Holy Wars” IV. Early and Medieval African Kingdoms V. China: Dynasties and Conquerors <p>American</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. American Revolution II. Making a Constitutional Government III. Early Presidents and Politics IV. Reformers V. Symbols and Figures | <p>World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. World Geography (Spatial Sense; Lakes) II. Meso-American Civilizations III. European Exploration, Trade, and Clash of Cultures IV. Renaissance and Reformation V. England from the Golden Age to the Glorious Revolution VI. Russia: Early Growth and Expansion VII. Feudal Japan <p>American</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Westward Expansion II. Civil War: Causes, Conflicts, Consequences III. Native Americans: Cultures and Conflicts IV. U.S. Geography |
| Visual Arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Elements of Art II. American Indian Art III. Art of Ancient Rome and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Art of the Middle Ages II. Islamic Art and Architecture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Art of the Renaissance II. American Art: Nineteenth-Century |

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| Visual Arts | Byzantine Civilization | III. Art of Africa IV. Art of China V. Art of a New Nation: The United States | United States III. Art of Japan |
| Music | I. Elements of Music II. Listening and Understanding (Orchestra; Composers) III. Songs | I. Elements of Music II. Listening and Understanding (Orchestra; Vocal Ranges; Composers) III. Songs | I. Elements of Music II. Listening and Understanding (Composers; Connections) III. American Musical Traditions (Spirituals) IV. Songs |
| Mathematics | I. Numbers and Number Sense II. Fractions and Decimals III. Money IV. Computation V. Measurement VI. Geometry | I. Numbers and Number Sense II. Fractions and Decimals III. Money IV. Computation V. Measurement VI. Geometry | I. Numbers and Number Sense II. Ratio and Percent III. Fractions and Decimals IV. Computation V. Measurement VI. Geometry VII. Probability and Statistics VIII. Pre-Algebra |
| Science | I. Introduction to Classification of Animals II. Human Body (Muscular, Skeletal, and Nervous Systems; Vision and Hearing) III. Light and Optics IV. Sound V. Ecology VI. Astronomy VII. Science Biographies | I. Human Body (Circulatory and Respiratory Systems) II. Chemistry (Atoms; Matter; Elements; Solutions) III. Electricity IV. Geology: Earth and Its Changes V. Meteorology VI. Science Biographies | I. Classifying Living Things II. Cells: Structures and Processes III. Plant Structures and Processes IV. Life Cycles and Reproduction V. Human Body (Endocrine and Reproductive Systems) VI. Chemistry: Matter and Change VII. Science Biographies |