

Mapping Your Writing, Logic, and Rhetoric Programs toward the Senior Thesis

The senior thesis is a capstone project, the crowning achievement in a student's academic journey. The path to the senior thesis begins with a strong foundation in writing, continues with a study of logic and how to build arguments, and culminates with the practice of rhetoric, the art of persuasion. Navigating this journey will provide numerous lasting benefits for students but can be complicated. To make mapping out your path more straightforward, we have supplied a year-by-year suggested track for 7th–12th graders. Following this recommended sequence will help students bring together what they've learned from their writing, logic, and rhetoric studies and apply those skills toward crafting a senior thesis: their most important high school work.

Suggested Senior Thesis Track for 7th-12th Graders		
Grade Level	Writing Program	Logic and Rhetoric Program
7th Grade	Writing & Rhetoric Books 7–8	The Art of Argument (Informal Logic)
8th Grade	Writing & Rhetoric Books 9–10	The Discovery of Deduction (Formal Logic)
9th Grade	Writing & Rhetoric Books 11−12*	Everyday Debate & Discussion and The Argument Builder†
10th Grade	Rhetoric Alive! Book 1	
11th Grade	The Art of Poetry** • Rhetoric Alive! Book 2 (Forthcoming)	
12th Grade	Rhetoric Alive! Senior Thesis	

Need additional options or want to learn more?

Visit www.ClassicalAcademicPress.com/Pages/ThesisTrack for complete details on each program and alternate tracks for older students who need to start partway through this sequence.



^{*}Writing & Rhetoric Book 11 will release this year. Stay tuned for the release of Writing & Rhetoric Book 12!
†Both of these texts are semester-long courses.

**This text can be completed at any point during 9th–12th grade.