

Educating the whole person, one student at a time

Theology

6th grade

Catechesis I – Old Testament & Covenants

Student texts:

- [Great Adventure Bible](#)
- [Bible Basics for Catholics](#) – Bergsma

Teacher resources:

- [A Father Who Keeps His Promises](#) – Scott Hahn (covenants)
- [Typology for Beginners](#) – Joby Provideo (typology)
- [Walking with God: A Journey Through the Bible](#) – Gray, Cavins (timeline)
- [A Catholic Guide to the Old Testament](#) – Cavins, et al.

Devotional:

- Lectio divina each Friday using the Gospel from the upcoming Sunday

Catechetical Elements:

- Ten Commandments
- Covenants
- Liturgical season study (Advent; Lent)

Saints: [Encounter the Saints Series](#); [Mary Fabyan Windeatt](#):

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| ● John Paul II | ● Frances X. Cabrini |
| ● Pier Giorgio Frassati | ● Francis of Assisi |
| ● Therese of Lisieux | ● Bernadette Sourbirous |
| ● Damian of Molokai | ● Kateri Tekakwitha |
| ● Teresa of Calcutta | ● John Bosco |

7th grade

Catechesis II – The Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, & Sacraments

Student texts:

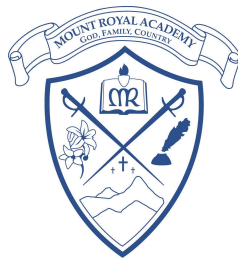
- [Great Adventure Bible](#)
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Teacher resources:

- [Bible Basics for Catholics](#) by John Bergsma
- New Testament Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma
- Swear to God by Scott Hahn
- How to Pray at all Times by St. Alphonsus Ligouri
- Meet Mary by Mark Miravalle

Devotional:

- [33 Days to Merciful Love](#)



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- Lectio Divina each Friday using the Gospel from the upcoming Sunday

Catechetical Elements:

- Typology
- Sacraments
- Beatitudes
- Marian Devotion

Saints: [Encounter the Saints Series](#); [Mary Fabyan Windeatt](#):

- St. John the Baptist
- Margaret Mary Alacoque
- St. Faustina
- Joan of Arc
- Elizabeth Seton
- Catherine of Siena
- Elizabeth of Hungary
- Edith Stein
- Anthony of Padua
- Alphonsus Liguori

8th grade

Grade 8: Catechesis III – Pauline letters, Wisdom literature & The Church

Student texts:

- [Great Adventure Bible](#)
- [The Weight of Glory](#) by C.S. Lewis
- [True Friendship](#) by John Cuddeback
- [Time to Meet the Angels](#) by Mark Miravalle

Teacher resources/optional books:

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Virtue charts
- [Victory Over Vice](#) by Fulton Sheen
- [Meet Mary: Getting to Know the Mother of God, by Mark Miravalle](#)

Devotional:

- [33 Days to Morning Glory](#) (*Once the Passion and Death of Jesus is covered from John's Gospel*)

Catechetical Elements:

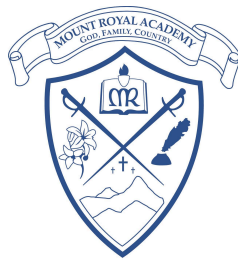
- Works of Mercy
- Precepts of the Church
- Virtues (Theological, Cardinal)
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The Communion of Saints, with a particular focus on Mary and the Angels

Saints: [Encounter the Saints Series](#); [Mary Fabyan Windeatt](#):

- Isaac Jogues
- Teresa of Avila
- Thomas More
- Ignatius of Loyola
- Paul
- Peter Claver (friendship)
- Catherine Laboure
- Maximilian Kolbe
- Katharine Drexel
- Juan Diego

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Foundations of Theology

Mere Christianity -- C.S. Lewis

Screwtape Letters – C.S. Lewis

Theology for Beginners -- Frank Sheed

Christian Discipleship

The Story of a Soul -- St. Therese of Lisieux

Introduction to the Devout Life -- St. Francis De Sales

New Testament Letters -- St. Paul, St. James, St. John, St. Peter

10th grade

Old Testament

Ignatius Bible Edition RSV-CE translation

New Testament

Ignatius Bible Edition RSV-CE translation

Teacher Selection (optional):

Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History -- John Bergsma

The Epic of Eden -- Sandra Richter

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist -- Brant Pitre

New Testament Basics for Catholics -- John Bergsma

11th grade

Catholic Morality

Veritatis Splendor -- St. John Paul II

Catechism of the Catholic Church -- Libreria Editrice Vaticana

Man and Woman He Created Them -- St. John Paul II

Teacher Selection:

Interior Freedom – Jacques Philippe (correlates with Veritatis Splendor)

Perelandra – C.S. Lewis (correlates with TOB)

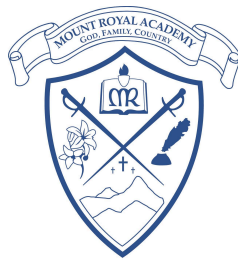
Catholic Social Teaching

Rerum Novarum -- Pope Leo XIII

Quadragesimo Anno -- Pope Pius XI

Laborem Exercens -- St. John Paul II

Humanae Vitae – Pope Paul VI



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Faith and Reason

Christianity and the Crisis of Cultures -- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Orthodoxy -- G.K. Chesterton

Dialogue with Trypho -- Justin Martyr

Apologetics

The Case for Jesus -- Brant Pitre

Letters to a Young Catholic -- George Weigel

Literature

For each grade, there are required readings listed. There are also additional novels, short stories, and poems to choose from in order to give the teacher some creative liberty. This structure provides both stability and consistency to our curriculum, while allowing our teachers to teach from a place of passion.

KEY: + denotes Cana Academy literature guide available for this selection

MP denotes Memoria Press study guide available for this selection

PP denotes Progeny Press study guide available for this selection

6th grade

Good Books I

Required:

A Cricket in Times Square -- George Selden

Wanderings of Odysseus – Rosemary Sutcliff

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

Midsummer Night's Dream -- Shakespeare

The Magician's Nephew – C.S. Lewis

The Watson's go to Birmingham – Christopher Paul Curtis

[Where the Red Fern Grows](#) -- Wilson Rawls PP

[Anne of Green Gables](#) -- L.M. Montgomery PP

Tanglewood Tales -- Nathaniel Hawthorne

[My Side of the Mountain](#) -- Jean Craighead George +

Redwall -- Brian Jacques PP

[Golden Goblet](#) -- Eloise Jarvis McGraw +

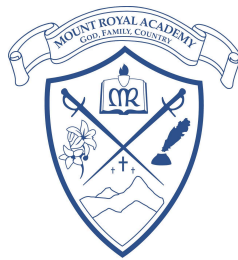
Bambi – Felix Salten

Books by Kate DiCamillo (Because of Winn Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux, Raymie Nightingale)

Short Stories:

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The Legend of Sleepy Hollow -- Washington Irving
Rip Van Winkle – Washington Irving
A Day in the Country – Anton Chekhov
How We Kept Mother’s Day – Stephen Leacock
Chapters from All Creatures Great and Small – James Herriott

Poems:

Stopping by Woods -- Frost
The Road Less Taken --Frost
Dust of Snow -- Frost
I, too, Am America -- Langston Hughes
The Donkey -- Chesterton
A Prayer for Spring -- Frost
Casey at the Bat -- Thayer
Composed Upon Westminster Bridge -- Wordsworth
Hope is the Thing with Feathers -- Dickenson

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Good Books II

Required:

The Giver -- Lois Lowry PP
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry -- Mildred Taylor PP

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

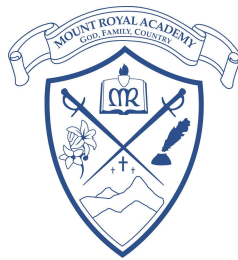
The Tempest -- Shakespeare
Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
The Red Scarf Girl – Ji Li Jiang
Tom Sawyer -- Mark Twain PP
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch -- Jean Lee Latham PP (coordinates with history curriculum)
The Witch of Blackbird Pond--Elizabeth Speare
Call of the Wild -- Jack London
[Far Traveler](#) -- Rebecca Tingle
[King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table](#) -- Roger Lancelyn Green (MP)
[The Adventures of Robin Hood](#) -- Roger Lancelyn Green (MP)
Books by Kate DiCamillo (Because of Winn Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux, Raymie Nightingale)

Short Stories:

Mythology -- Edith Hamilton (excerpts)

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The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse – William Saroyan
Elias – Leo Tolstoy
Our Lady’s Juggler – Anatole France
Chapters from All Creatures Great and Small – James Herriott

Poems:

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere -- Longfellow
O Captain! My Captain! -- Walt Whitman\
As Kingfishers Catch Fire -- Gerard Manley Hopkins
When the Year Grows Old -- Edna St. Vincent Millay
September, the first day of school -- H. Nemerow
The Schoolboy -- William Blake
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings -- Maya Angelou
Gathering Leaves-- R. Frost
The Need of Being Versed in Country Things -- R. Frost
Christ's Nativity -- Southwell

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Good Books III

Required:

[A Christmas Carol](#) -- Charles Dickens +
[The Hobbit](#) -- J.R.R. Tolkein +

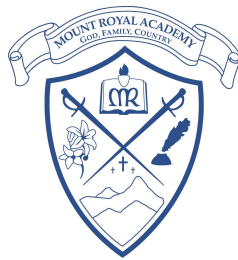
Teacher Selection:

Novels:

MacBeth -- Shakespeare
Little Women - Louisa May Alcott PP
Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes
[Watership Down](#) -- Richard Adams + (471 pgs)
[The Bronze Bow](#) - Elizabeth George Speare + (coordinates with history)
Diary of a Young Girl -- Anne Frank (the play, not the actual diary)
[Hound of the Baskervilles](#) -- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Hiding Place -- Corrie ten Boom PP
[The Miracle Worker](#) -- William Gibson +
Journey to the Center of the Earth -- Jules Verne

Short Stories:

Mythology -- Edith Hamilton (excerpts)
The Gift of the Magi -- O’Henry
To Build a Fire -- Jack London



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Half a Sheet of Paper – August Strindberg
My First Confession – Frank O’Connor
An Open Letter to America’s Students – Dwight D. Eisenhower
Chapters from All Creatures Great and Small – James Herriott

Poems:

Selections by Longfellow

- Woods in Winter
- Rainy Day
- The Wreck of the Hesperus
- Aftermath

God’s Grandeur -- Gerard Manley Hopkins

Death Be Not Proud -- John Donne

9th grade

Great Books I

Required:

[Huckleberry Finn](#) - Mark Twain

[The Old Man and the Sea](#) -- Ernest Hemingway +

Julius Caesar and/or Romeo and Juliet -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

[Out of the Silent Planet](#) -- C.S. Lewis PP

[Animal Farm](#) -- George Orwell +

[The Chosen](#) - Chaim Potok (WWII era) +

Beowulf -- Anon

The Pearl -- John Steinbeck

[Treasure Island](#) -- R.L. Stevenson PP

To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

Emma – Jane Austen

Jane Eyre -- Charlotte Bronte

Short Stories:

Mythology -- Edith Hamilton (excerpts)

All Summer in a Day -- Ray Bradbury

By Chance Are Pioneers Made – Hamlen Hunt

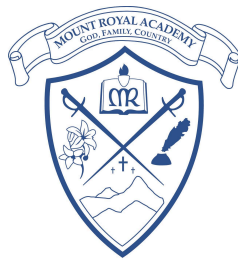
The Griffin and the Minor Canon – Frank Stockton

Beware of the Dog – Roald Dahl

The Necklace – Guy de Maupassant

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[Father Brown mysteries](#) -- G. K. Chesterton

Poems:

The Charge of the Light Brigade -- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Break of Day -- John Donne

The Second Coming -- William Butler Yeats

In Flanders Fields -- John McCrae

10th grade

Great Books II

Required:

[Pride and Prejudice](#) -- Jane Austen +

[My Antonia](#) -- Willa Cather

Winter's Tale and/or King Lear -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

Murder in the Cathedral -- T.S. Eliot

Oliver Twist -- Charles Dickens

The Grapes of Wrath -- John Steinbeck

[The Scarlet Letter](#) -- Nathaniel Hawthorne +

[A Man for All Seasons](#) -- Robert Bolt +

Dr. Faustus -- Marlowe

[A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich](#) -- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn +

The Gulag Archipelago -- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

[The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde](#) -- R.L. Stevenson PP

Frankenstein -- Mary Shelley PP

Short Stories:

Sixteen -- Maureen Daly

My Oedipus Complex -- Frank O'Connor

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty -- James Thurber

Billy Budd -- Melville

Bartleby the Scrivener, and other short stories -- Melville

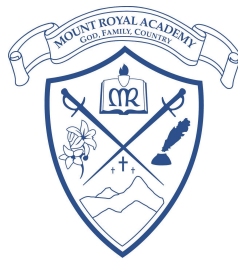
[Father Brown mysteries](#) -- G. K. Chesterton

Poems:

The Raven -- Edgar Allan Poe

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The Caged Skylark - Gerard Manley Hopkins

First Fig -- Edna St. Vincent Millay

Ode to Silence -- Edna St. Vincent Millay

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Great Books III

Required:

Iliad -- Homer+

[A Tale of Two Cities](#) -- Charles Dickens

Canterbury Tales (excerpts)-- Chaucer

The Merchant of Venice and/or Antony and Cleopatra -- Shakespeare

Teacher Selection:

Novels:

Song of Roland -- Anon

Poem of the Cid -- Anon

The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien (excerpt – Fellowship of the Ring)

Until We Have Faces -- C.S. Lewis

The Great Divorce -- C.S. Lewis

The Man Who Was Thursday -- G. K. Chesterton

The Everlasting Man -- G.K. Chesterton

[Odyssey](#) -- Homer +

Death Comes for the Archbishop -- Willa Cather

Short Stories:

The Selfish Giant -- Oscar Wilde

The Happy Prince -- Oscar Wilde

The Open Window – H.H. Munro (Saki)

The Queen of Spades – Pushkin

The Rocket – Ray Bradbury

Works by P.G. Wodehouse , particularly “Jeeves”

[Father Brown mysteries](#) -- G. K. Chesterton

Poems:

Song of Myself -- Walt Whitman

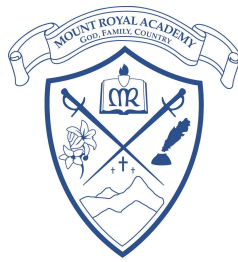
Good Friday: Riding Westward -- John Donne

Holy Sonnet 14 – John Donne

The Starlight Night -- Gerard Manley Hopkins

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In Praise of Solid People -- C.S. Lewis
How Do I Love Thee? -- Elizabeth Barrett Browning
She Walks in Beauty -- Lord Byron

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Great Books IV

Required:

The Divine Comedy – Dante Alighieri
Oedipus cycle -- Sophocles
Hamlet and/or Twelfth Night -- Shakespeare

Teacher selection:

Novels:

Kristin Lavransdatter, The Wreath -- Sigrid Undset
Aeneid -- Virgil
Oresteian Trilogy -- Aeschylus +
The Death of Ivan Ilyich -- Leo Tolstoy
The Betrothed -- Alessandro Manzoni
East of Eden – John Steinbeck
[Crime and Punishment](#) -- Fyodor Dostoyevsky+
1984 -- George Orwell PP
The Jeweler's Shop - Wojtyla
[The Great Gatsby](#) -- F. Scott Fitzgerald +
Jayber Crow -- Wendell Berry

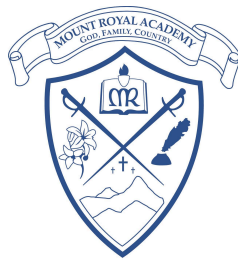
Short Stories:

Works by Flannery O'Connor
No Exit -- John-Paul Sartre
The Plague – Albert Camus
Once More to the Lake – E.B. White
Works by P.G. Wodehouse , particularly “Jeeves”
[Father Brown mysteries](#) -- G. K. Chesterton

Poems:

Paradise Lost (excerpts) -- Milton
Ballad of the White Horse -- G.K. Chesterton

History



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The Story of Civilization (TAN Publishers) program is narrative-based history curriculum, compatible with a classical pedagogy. It reflects an emphasis in presenting the history of the world as a thrilling and compelling narrative, and is filled with short stories about historical figures, legendary battles, invasions, philosophical debates, construction of architectural wonders, new scientific discoveries and inventions, and the exploration of the world. Because of the structure of this curriculum, additional reading selections are unnecessary. However, there is a compatible history-themed literature selection for each of these grades in the Literature section (see below).

6th grade

Modern History - Reformation - 21st Century

[The Story of Civilization Vol 3](#)

7th grade

American History

[The Story of Civilization Vol. 4](#)

8th grade

Church History

[The Story of the Church](#)

9th grade

Ancient History - Early civilization, Greece, Rome, Antiquity (Ancient to 500)

Required:

[Western Heritage: A Reader](#) -- Ancient Near East and Hebrews to Early Christianity (selections)

[Republic](#) -- Plato (excerpts including Book VII, The Good as Ultimate Object of Knowledge, The Divided Line, Allegory of the Cave)

[Apology](#) -- Plato (The Trial and Verdict of Socrates)

Teacher selection:

Book of the Ancient World – Dorothy Mills

[Vegetius: Epitome of Military Science](#)

[Antiquities of the Jews](#) - Flavius Josephus

[The Complete Histories of Polybius](#)

[Parallel Lives](#) – Plutarch

The Epic of Gilgamesh

Theogony -- Hesiod (excerpts including The Creation, the Birth of Zeus, and Creation of Man and Woman)

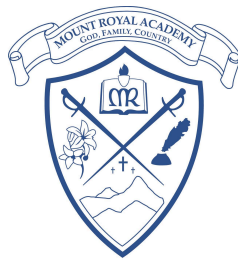
Prometheus Bound -- Aeschylus

[The History of the Peloponnesian War](#) -- Thucydides (excerpts including Book Two, Funeral Oration of Pericles, Second Year of the War, The Plague and its Effects)

[Herodotus' Histories](#) (excerpts including Book VI and Book VII)

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[Agamemnon](#) -- Aeschylus

[Anitgone](#) / [Oedipus the King](#) -- Sophocles

Medieval History - Early medieval, Crusades, High Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation (Europe 500-1700)

Required:

[Western Heritage: A Reader](#) -- Early Middle Ages to Scientific Revolution (selections)

Teacher selection:

[Chronicles of the Crusades](#) -- de Joinville, Villehardouin

Book of the Middle Ages – Dorothy Mills

10th grade

American Government and Politics

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- The Apple of Gold and The Frame of Silver to the Three Branches of Government (selections)

Democracy in America -- Alexis de Tocqueville (excerpts)

US History I - Colonial Heritage to Sectionalism and Civil War (1607-1865)

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- The Founders of Slavery, The Rise of the Positive Good School, and the Roots of the Secession Crisis to Secession and Civil War (selections)

[American Heritage: A Reader](#) -- The Colonial Heritage to Sectionalism and Civil War (selections)

[Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story](#) – McClay

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US History II - Gilded Age to America Between Wars (1865-1945)

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- The Progressive Rejection of the Founding (selections)

[American Heritage: A Reader](#) -- The Gilded Age to America Between the Wars (selections)

[Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story](#) – McClay

US History III - America since World War II (1945-present)

Required:

[The U.S. Constitution: A Reader](#) -- Institutionalizing Progressivism: The New Deal and the Great Society (selections)

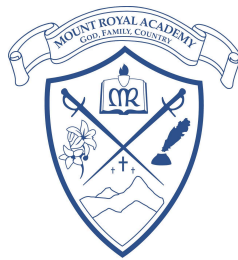
[American Heritage: A Reader](#) -- America Since World War II (selections)

[Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story](#) – McClay

Solzhenitsyn -- Harvard Commencement Address and/or Nobel Lecture

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[George W. Bush](#) -- Speeches related to September 11, 2001

Griswold v. Connecticut, Roe v. Wade, & Planned Parenthood v. Casey

Antonin Scalia -- *Lawrence v. Texas, Boumediene v. Bush, District of Columbia v. Heller, Obergefell v. Hodges*

Humanities Electives

Introduction to Philosophy

Required:

[Meno](#) -- Plato

[Euthyphro](#) -- Plato

[Phaedo](#) -- Plato

[Nicomachean Ethics](#) -- Aristotle

Teacher selection:

The Consolation of Philosophy – Boethius

Leisure: The Basis of Culture – Pieper

Poetics

Understanding Poetry, 4th Edition

The Norton Anthology of English Poetry 3rd. Edit

The Complete Rhyming Dictionary

Humanities Seminar

Rhetoric -- Aristotle

Gorgias - Plato

The Elements of Rhetoric -- Ryan Topping

[The Art of Argument](#) OR Socratic Logic -- Peter Kreeft

Politics

Politics -- Aristotle

On Duties -- Cicero

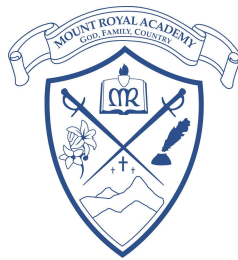
Treatise on Law - Aquinas

Leviathan – Hobbes

[On the Social Contract](#) -- Rousseau

[Second Treatise of Government](#) - Locke

[Letter from a Birmingham Jail and “I have a dream” speech](#) - Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Economics

Required:

On Social Justice: Popular Patristics Series -- St. Basil the Great

Economic Manuscripts of 1844 (The Communist Manifesto) -- Karl Marx

Economics for Helen -- Hilaire Belloc

Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered -- E.F. Schumacher

Teacher Selection:

Wealth of Nations -- Adam Smith