

# How Does Paragon Propel Powerful Student Learning?

## Paragon

### (Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5):

Elementary students take a school-wide hands-on chronological journey through the history of great ideas and heroes in world culture. Children step into the shoes of heroes and everyday people in their total immersion, interdisciplinary learning experience. This 90-minute daily program incorporates Social Studies, History, Civics, Geography with Literature and the Arts to bring history to life.

## Paragon Humanities (Middle and High School):

Based on the latest adolescent brain research, Paragon Humanities takes middle and high school students into an immersive project-based learning experience as they construct their own textbook. This 90-minute daily program builds on the Paragon journey with deeper investigations into standards-aligned topics for older students. Builds depth of knowledge in the Social Sciences and Humanities with project-based cooperative learning.

## Paragon Night Scripts:

Each of the 8 units culminates in Paragon Night where all students showcase their learning for their parents and community. Paragon Night Scripts organize and highlight the depth of content knowledge and the breadth of visual and performing arts mastery within Paragon.

## Paragon Plus:

Common Core Language Arts standards are addressed in the supplementary Paragon Plus Guides. Topics include World Wisdom Tradition Holidays, Shakespeare, Women's History, and Entrepreneurship.



## Walking with Giants:

Heroes, both well-known and unsung, are an integral part of history. Students explore the character and leadership qualities that have always made ordinary people capable of extraordinary contributions to humankind. Students recognize their own capacity to cultivate these qualities, and practice mindfully applying them in their school and home life as paragons, models of human excellence.

## Paragon STEM Guides:

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are critical to student success. STEM Guides highlight the historical development of technological innovations from the era featured in their Paragon studies, along with archeology and engineering feats in world monuments. Students work collaboratively to design their own projects, selecting their materials and presenting formally on their problem-solving strategies. Math and science skills are applied with real-time relevance in this engaging Paragon supplement.

## Paragon World Literature:

Middle and high school students expand their English Language Arts skills and their love and understanding of literature by reading novels, plays, folktales, myths, biographies, and a variety of other genres that connect to the culture and era featured in Paragon Humanities.

## The Paragon Curriculum and How It Propels Powerful Student Learning

- Research-based and classroom-tested with 15 years of success
- Combines cultural literacy with hands-on learning
- Web-based, utilizing the strengths of interactive whiteboard technology
- Builds community through Paragon Night
- Provides Teacher Overviews and comprehensive support materials
- Connects across the curriculum
- Features video clips, music and art history links, and engaging graphics
- Aligned to standards
- Anchors deep student mastery of content with an immersive learning environment
- Cultivates emotional intelligence and a sense of purpose and passion
- Inspires students to become the conscious architects of tomorrow, a future of their own design

