LightUnit 1

Usage and Literature

English Usage

Biblical guidelines for usage Levels of English usage: formal, informal, and nonstandard usage Usage and Christian objectives English usage review

Diction

Denotation and connotation Proper and improper use of emotion words

Freshness versus triteness Reviewing diction

Overview of American Literature

Colonial literature: Captain John Smith, Puritan writers Founding literature: Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Christopher Saur, The

Martyrs Mirror
The nineteenth century: pre-war
writers, transcendental writers,
writers during and after the Civil
War

The twentieth century

LightUnit 6

Research

Library SkillsThe librarian

Library classification systems: Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress systems

The card catalog

The reference section

The Research Paper

Choosing the subject and gathering information
Writing the paper

Documenting the sources Sample research paper Writing the final draft

Roberts, E. J. Pratt

Overview of Canadian Literature

Early Canadian literature: before Confederation From Confederation to World War I Since World War I: Charles G. D.

LightUnit 2

Clarity in Writing

Writing With Clarity

Specific nouns
Strong verbs
Simplicity

Writing Sentences

"The Whistle"

Sentence logic—clarity
Sentence logic—consistency and simplicity
Sentence balance
Essays in American literature
Benjamin Franklin: "The Ephemera,"

Henry David Thoreau: "Brute Neighbors"

Mark Twain: "Taming the Bicycle" Roderick L. Haig-Brown: "Close Call" E. B. White: "Will Strunk"

Writing an essay

LightUnit 7

Understanding Words

Greek Prefixes and Roots

Greek prefixes
Greek roots
Commonly misspelled words

Latin Prefixes and Roots

Latin prefixes
Latin roots

Commonly mispronounced words

Reading From Canadian Literature

Margaret Saunders: Beautiful Joe Sinclair Ross: "A Field of Wheat" E. J. Pratt: "The Titanic" Hugh Hood: "After the Sirens" Peter Dyck: Up From the Rubble

LightUnit 3

Organization in Writing

Writing Paragraphs

The topic sentence

Paragraph organization: chronological, spatial, comparison/contrast, deductive and inductive order

Writing an Article

The outline

The introduction

The body; writing an article

The conclusion

Periodicals and articles in American Literature

Periodicals

George Weller: "Emergency at Sea" Tim Cahill: "Into the Eye of a

Hurricane"

Allen Guelzo: "John Bunyan's Christian at Three Hundred"

LightUnit 8

Listening and Reading Skills

Listening Skills

Fact and opinion Biblical truth Critical listening Taking notes Taking minutes

Reading Skills

Four worldviews A Christian worldview Critical reading

Christian Literature

Literature of the past
Literature about the past
Christian literature today: nonfiction
and fiction

Trends in Christian literature

LightUnit 4

Writing Short Stories

Techniques of Story Writing

Story element review

Narration

Pointers for narration: "German Potato Salad"

Writing a narration

More Techniques of Story Writing

Description: "Shadows!" Practicing description Dialogue Writing a short story

Short Stories in American Literature

MacKinlay Kantor: "A Man Who Had No Eyes"

Booker T. Washington: "A Slave Among Slaves"

Nathaniel Hawthorne: "The Great Carbuncle"

P. B. Hughes: "Catherine and the Winter Wheat"

O. Henry: "After Twenty Years"

LightUnit 9

Communication Skills

Public Speaking

Oral reading
Reading orally
How to prepare a speech
Preparing a speech
Leading a discussion
Giving a speech

Drama and Visual Entertainment

Introduction to drama History of drama Modern drama Biblical guidelines

Allegory

Allegory and Christianity
Albert Sims: Palace Beautiful

LightUnit 5

Writing Poetry

Understanding Poetry

Meaning and cadence

Design

Free verse

Writing Song Lyrics

History of hymn writing

The popular Gospel

Hymns of faith

Writing a song

Poetry in American Literature

Early poets: Anne Bradstreet, Edward Taylor

Poets of renown: Bryant, Whittier, Poe, Longfellow

Poets of change: Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Edwin Markham, Sara Teasdale

Later poets: Robert Frost, John H.
Wheelock, Countee Cullen, Conrad
Aiken

LightUnit 10

Reading and Thinking

Thinking About the Novel

The novel

Thinking about what to read

Recognizing Fallacies of Logical Thinking

Fallacies

Fallacies involving subjectivism Fallacies involving credibility

Fallacies involving logical structure

Literature That Challenges

The Apostle Paul: "Ministers of Reconciliation"
Unknown writer: "2.500.000.000"

John Stam: "Bearing Precious Seed" Betty Stam: "Spikenard Very

Precious"

Mrs. Howard Taylor: "The Martyrdom of John and Betty Stam"

Unknown writer: "These All Died in

Faith"

Menno Simons: "Why We Preach"
J. C. Ryle: "The Zealous Man"
Amy Carmichael: "Make Me Thy
Fuel," "Drums in the Night"
Writing to challenge