



FREEDOM PROJECT ACADEMY

Course Syllabus

7th History

Course Description:

In this 7th grade history course, students will gain an overview of the events, people, and places of the ancient world from the first days of Creation through the Resurrection of Christ. Each week, we will cover 3 topics in chronological order using readings from the text, assigned activities and map work. The design of the course teaches students to research in order to find answers and dig deeper into topics discussed. An emphasis is placed on learning about key figures and events of history rather than memorization of dates. Lessons are fact-based and students are encouraged to ask questions and share thoughts and opinions as topics arise.

Major Topics of Study:

All major topics of early Western Civilization are covered in the text with Biblical events and people interspersed throughout. Our studies begin with Creation, Adam and Eve, and the Flood. They continue on with early civilizations such as Sumer and Crete, Egypt, and Greece. Along the way, we discuss the rise and fall of empires in Mesopotamia, take a look at Native American societies, Confucius and the Roman Republic. We conclude our year with Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Text/Required Materials:

Mystery of History, Volume I, 3rd Edition - Linda Lacour Habor

The Student Bible Atlas, Revised Edition - Tim Dowley

Rand McNally Historical Atlas

Grading:

Homework – 55%

Quizzes – 30%

Tests – 15%

Attendance/Participation:

Students are encouraged to participate in live classes by answering and asking questions, answering poll questions and playing games. A quarterly grade is given as an extra homework assignment to incentivize students to get involved in their own learning. Arrangements can be made for students to receive participation points when they are not able to attend live classes.

Expectations/Guidelines:

Students are expected to complete all reading and written assignments weekly. They are also assigned bi-weekly quizzes and quarterly tests, all of which are closed-book and computer-based. Students complete Class Notes that are provided by the instructor. Bi-weekly quizzes and quarterly tests are based on these notes.