



Practical, Fun and Affordable History, Geography and Science Resources!

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Dear Friends,

We've just returned from one of our favorite conferences: MASS HOPE in Worcester. It was great meeting so many of our customers and friends, new and old. If you will be at CHAP in Harrisburg or HEAV in Richmond, make sure you stop by and say hey!

We played an entertaining game in the car on the way there. For lack of a real name I'll call it "Match This Car." The premise is simple.



Think of a car make or model, then think of what kind of profession might choose to drive it. For example, "What kind of a car does a photographer drive?" [Focus] Or, "What kind of car does an astronaut drive?" [Galaxy] "What kind of car would Sir Francis Drake drive?" [Armada] We also included Bible figures and Dari Mullins came up

with one of my favorites: "What kind of car would John the Baptist drive?" [See the answer at the bottom of this newsletter!]

Try this on your next car trip. Bonus points if you can also tie in the answer to geography! (Not that hard, really.)

PS - need a little help on car makes and models? Here is one fairly thorough list: <http://tinyurl.com/29nylog>

Things to Celebrate/Remember this Month

Lots of great new BIP coupon codes just for YOU and just for MAY. Don't miss them!

Cinco-de-Mayo—May 5th

- <http://www.history.com/topics/cinco-de-mayo>
- <http://tinyurl.com/2a3zy9l>
- <http://tinyurl.com/b07s>

National Space Day—May 8th

- <http://www.ss4s.org/node/249>
- In honor of this, don't miss our "Beam Me Up" coupon for our *Christian Kids Explore Earth & Space* curriculum!



Florence Nightingale's birthday—May 12th

- <http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/cms/>

Mother's Day—the second Sunday in May

- <http://tinyurl.com/y4a3z4> (Mother's Day Around the World)
- <http://tinyurl.com/2fkr9vo> (Mother's Day USA)

Memorial Day—the last Monday in May (May 31, 2010)

- <http://tinyurl.com/22ramu3>
- <http://tinyurl.com/ryljz>

Speaking of Memorial Day, you would be amazed at how many homeschoolers we speak with who have not studied any 20th century American history! It seems as if they get up to—and maybe through—the Civil War and that is as far as they go. Do you know how many significant events took place from Reconstruction to today?! If this is a whole in your home, please, please, do yourself and your students a service and read *All American History, Volume II*. This book—written from a Christian worldview—covers in four quarters:

- o The Civil War and Reconstruction
- o The Gilded Age
- o Two World Wars and a Great Depression
- o The Cold War and Beyond
- o Check it out here: http://brightideaspress.com/?page_id=129

Answering our Winner from the March BIP Art Contest:

Rachel Hollenbeck, age 16, from Lincoln, Nebraska won first place and a fifty dollar certificate to our store! Sadly, no entries in the younger categories - think of all that prize money that might have come your way if your children had entered! Don't miss out on our May contest!

And in grandma news: Kaylee is almost walking! Yes, I get to brag because this is my e-zine LOL! Here's a couple of recent pics of her. Her mom and dad are loving being parents as much as Bob and I love being grandparents!



New Release!

The Mystery of History, Volume I, 2nd Edition is now available! We're so excited about this upgrade to what was already a stellar program. For this new edition, we have:

- Updated the lessons to reflect the most current research,
- Included additional teacher support information,
- Added answer key maps for the geography component,
- Changed or added new illustrations for many lessons,
- Added 114+ pages of information, activities, resource lists, and more!

We're also very pleased to say the price will stay the same as before: \$49.95. Coming soon will be the 2nd Edition Reproducible CD. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 877.492.8081.

Until Next Time!

I hope you've enjoyed reading this edition of the BIP E-Zine. If there's something you'd like to see in future editions of the E-Zine, drop us a line and tell us! We love hearing from you all. Thanks for making the BIP community such a great place. Don't forget to check the Blog and Website regularly for specials, contests, video how-to's, and product updates.

What would John the Baptist Drive? A 4Runner!

Blessings,
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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Illuminations1> (come find out more about it!)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IlluminationsYear2>

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Whole_HOG/ (join us as we share geography ideas)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AllAmericanHistory> (Our American History series)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HSGifted> (Homeschooling gifted children)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MysteryofHistory1>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MysteryofHistory2>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MysteryofHistory3>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MysteryofHistoryHighSchool> (Using *The Mystery of History* volumes with high school students)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChristianKidsExploreBiology> (Covers all of our *Christian Kids Explore* books)