

# Maggie Hogan's Bright Ideas Press E-Zine

Welcome to the October 2008 edition. I hope you find the following information useful, as you spend time teaching and enjoying your children!

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## *From Maggie to You - Lessons from a Procrastinator . . .*

Yes, it's true. "My name is Maggie, and I am a procrastinator." Seriously. Big time. The worst. This smacked me in the face today as I was looking at back my old e-zines and saw that the last one I sent out was in February! (At least it was Feb. '08, not '07 as my son Tyler guessed!) That means lots of lost opportunities to share with you ideas, tips, projects, books, and much more. (On a positive note, at least I won't get fired! There are a few advantages to owning your own company!)

### **What's New? Historic Holidays**

There are many holidays coming up these next few months. Of course, we think of the obvious ones first--especially because retailers make them apparent whether we are ready or not--but besides the big ones I'd like to mention a few holidays with historic significance.

October 13, 2008 is **Columbus Day** (the second Monday in October every year)

<http://holidays.kaboose.com/columbus-day/>

November 4, 2008 is **Election Day**

[http://www.abcteach.com/directory/seasonalholidays/election\\_day/](http://www.abcteach.com/directory/seasonalholidays/election_day/)

December 7<sup>th</sup> is **Pearl Harbor Day**

<http://pearlharbor-history.org/> (great list of links!)

<http://www.lovetolearnplace.com/SpecialDays/PearlHarbor/Activities.html> (puzzles/games/activities)

**FREEBIE for my readers! SHORT TIME ONLY!**

*History & Holidays: Tips, Tricks, & Projects* by Maggie Hogan

In honor of these important dates (and to make up for all the e-zines I didn't write) I am giving you, dear friends, a **GREAT FREEBIE!**

I have compiled a number of my history teaching tips, techniques, projects (including photographs) into one big e-book! Included you will also find articles on Columbus Day, Pearl Harbor Day and so much more! This e-book will give you step-by-step directions for teaching about important holidays as well as lots of great geography and history reference information. This 30+ page book is an \$8.95 value, and I am giving it to you for FREE! You simply go here:

[History & Holidays E-book](#)

Click on the 'Add to Cart' button to add to your shopping cart.

Use this Code: [EZINE1008](#) when you check out and it will be free UNTIL October 16th.

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Curious as to what I read? Would you like new ideas for books for YOU, books for your little ones, kids, teens? Well, there is nothing I love to write about more than books so I finally got it together and started book-blogging! Come join me and check out my favorites here on my blog Maggie Loves Books:

<http://maggilovesbooks.blogspot.com/>

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Illuminations Year One

Well, we've had an amazing and busy 6 months here, writing and preparing our brand new curriculum! Illuminations is a "wrap-around" curriculum that ties almost everything you need into our history books: The Mystery of History (and eventually All American History). Right now, Illuminations 1 is in beta-testing, and it is being received with shouts of joy! It takes MOH 1 (Creation -Christ) and provides the schedules and materials for teaching your Language Arts (you buy the writing and grammar programs, we provide the lesson plans), Literature Study Guides, High School Study Guides, Early Learner materials, Bible, Copywork, Netflix Schedule, Life Skills, Science Schedule [using Christian Kids Explore Biology], Geography [using The Ultimate Geography & Timeline Guide and Hands-On Geography], and even more to come! Check us out here:

<http://brightideaspress.com/ILLUM1.htm>

and join our yahoo group here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Illuminations1/>

This will revolutionize your homeschool--we give you TIME to TEACH!!!!

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## Young Scholar's Guide to Composers 4th - 8th Grades, Full Year Curriculum

This book is finished and fabulous! If you're like me, you want to include this kind of study in your school but have no idea what to do or where to start. So, we did the work for you! This course provides a close-up look at famous composers, their music, and their times, with special attention to character traits and Christian testimony (or lack thereof). Even the musically challenged will enjoy this course! It's perfect for grades 4-8 but is easily adaptable for younger and older students. Minimum teacher prep with maximum enjoyment!

- 32 Weekly Lessons
- 26 Bios of Famous Composers
- 6 Eras of Music Explained
- Easy-to-Use Comparative Timeline
- Easy-to-Use Maps
- Composer Info-Cards & Game
- Note-taking Pages
- Quizzes
- Answer Keys
- Listening Suggestions
- Intricate Coloring Pages
- Resource Books

Go here for more information as well as two sample lessons:

<http://brightideaspress.com/YSGComposers.htm>

Currently it is available in a CD-ROM e-book format. \$29.95 (Next spring it will also be in a print version.)

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Yes, our new catalog is finally ready! To print out your own copy, go here:

[Bright Ideas Press](#)

Scroll down the left hand bar and choose "print catalog." We had lots of entries and great pictures from you, our readers, which we included in this very fun catalog. Enjoy!

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### Helpful Article Coming Your Way!

My friend Terri Johnson-creator of those great Knowledge Quest Maps-has written a great article called "5 Essential Ingredients to Homeschooling Success." This short article will be coming to your inbox soon. Watch for it! Terri has also developed an on-line course called Homeschooling ABCs for new homeschoolers (and veterans looking for a moral boost). You will find information about it in her article as well. I highly recommend Terri's wisdom, course, and products to you.

## Homeschooling ABCs

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\*Cathy Duffy Top 100 Picks

See the books that Cathy loves: The Mystery of History Series and The Christian Kids Explore Series at [www.BrightIdeasPress.com](http://www.BrightIdeasPress.com)

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Check out our Yahoo Groups!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Illuminations1/> for our brand new curriculum!

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Whole\\_HOG/](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/MysteryofHistoryHS> (Using *The Mystery of History* with high schoolers)

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

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