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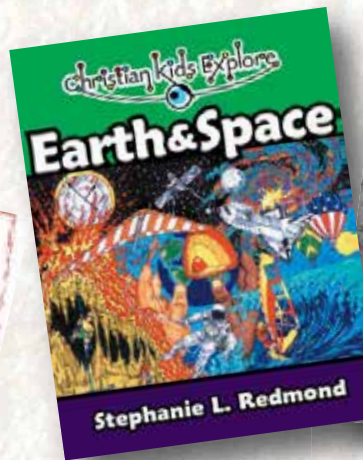
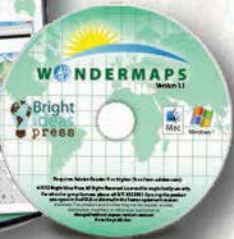
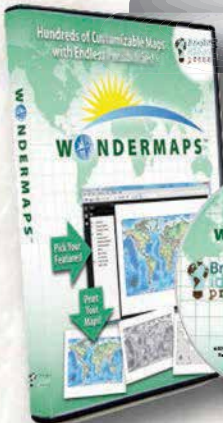
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Welcome!



Bob and I began homeschooling our two sons in 1991. With few supplies available for homeschoolers, we wrote our own curriculum and cobbled together other materials. As we found or developed resources that worked well for us, we began to publish them—thus, the beginning of Bright Ideas Press. Time went on and both boys successfully graduated from high school and went on to college. God has blessed us in this wonderful adventure called the homeschooling life.

Our oldest son, JB, is now 31. He enlisted in the army in 2001 and served five years with the 3rd Infantry Division. Out of his experiences in Iraq came his first book, *From Basic to Baghdad: A Soldier Writes Home*. Brilliant, witty, and slightly eccentric, he also put his writing gifts to work for our e-book, *Writer's Workshop: Step-by-Step*. He is married to Christy, a marvelous, funny, Tolkien fanatic—whom we've known since she was a teeny little five-year-old! They also have a baby, Edge Hogan.

Tyler, 26, is a graduate of Belhaven University with a degree in theatre ministry. Tyler has taken over the administration of Bright Ideas Press. We are so pleased to have Tyler, his lovely, artistic wife Helen, and their three children, Kaylee, Avalon, and Sierra living near us!

Bob retired in 2010 from 35 years at the IRS and now does accounting for our business in addition to serving at church. He supports my whims and idiosyncrasies while trying to keep me grounded (truly no easy task). When he has free time, he enjoys reading creation science books, traveling, and scuba diving. I work on the publishing end of our business, write for various homeschool publications, speak, and eat chocolate. In my "spare" time, I love to read, travel, and play with my granddaughters.

Blessings,
Maggie & the Tribe!

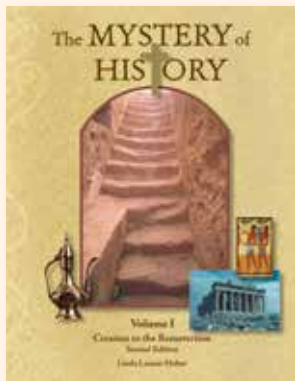


CLASSICAL — CHRONOLOGICAL — CHRISTIAN

The Mystery of History series provides a historically accurate, Christ-centered approach to world history for all ages.

Classical – In the context of world history, *The Mystery of History* series explores the backdrops behind and the significance surrounding time-honored contributions in art, music, literature, science, and philosophy. Those who use the MOH series will find it is structured to follow a classical approach to teaching through the trivium with an emphasis on reading, writing, research, and hands-on activities.

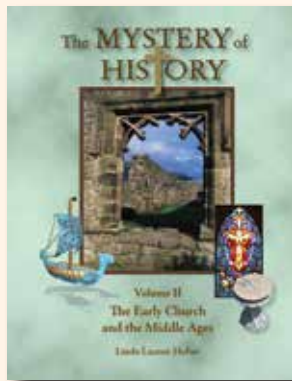
Chronological – *The Mystery of History* is a four-volume world history series in the making, which will take you around the globe through the study of chronological events. (It is recommended but not necessary to complete the volumes in the order they are written.) Presently available:



Volume I

Creation to the Resurrection
(c. 4004 BC – c. AD 33)
Second Edition

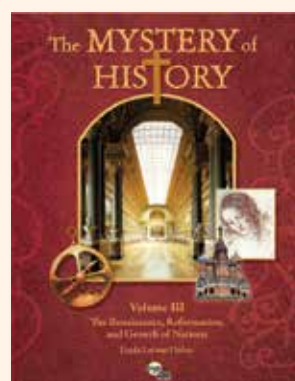
\$49.95



Volume II

The Early Church and the Middle Ages
(AD 33–1456)

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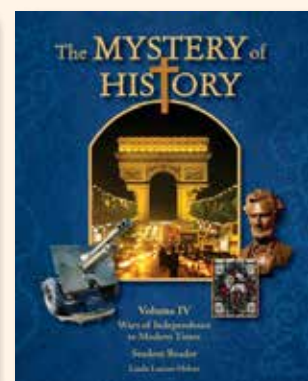


Volume III

The Renaissance, Reformation, and Growth of Nations
(1455–1707)

\$49.95*

Companion Guide* | CD | \$29.95
Companion Guide* | Book | \$39.95
Companion Guide* | Download



Volume IV

The Wars of Independence to Modern Times
(1708 to present)

\$74.95**

Christian – *The Mystery of History* is written from a Christian worldview and uniquely weaves world cultures and stories of the past into the history of Christianity. But more than that, lessons in *The Mystery of History* are like fragments of a mosaic that, when put together, reveal a much bigger picture and tell a much larger story—one that points toward God’s plan for mankind.

Linda Lacour Hobar, a native-born Texan, holds a bachelor’s degree from Baylor University, where she first fell in love with world history. With seventeen years of homeschool experience, seventeen years in ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ, and several years of teaching small groups and church classes, Linda brings a wealth of perspective to world history. As a parent, a missionary, and a teacher, she has a personable writing style that appeals to all ages.

*Volume III Student Reader includes the lesson Text only. The Companion Guide includes activities, tests, maps, answer keys, book lists, and much more.

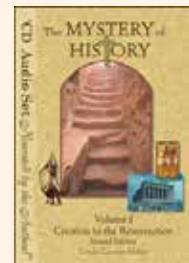
**Volume IV Student Reader includes The Companion Guide.

**Want to incorporate literature?
Look at *Illuminations* on page 13!**

The Mystery of History Supplements

AUDIO

The Mystery of History volumes I to III are now available on a CD audio set. Listen to all of the stories through the voice of the author, Linda Hobar. With text in hand, you can read along with her as she personally narrates the stories. Or without the text, you can relax and listen as Linda speaks directly to you and your family. Beautifully and professionally mixed background music adds life, drama, and more meaning to these timeless historical lessons. In the car, over lunch, or before bedtime, you can journey through the ancient world at your own pace.

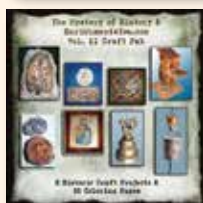


- [MOH I CD Set](#) | All Ages | 10 CDs | 11 Hours, 15 Min. | \$42.95
- [MOH II CD Set](#) | All Ages | 12 CDs | 13 Hours, 58 Min. | \$48.95
- [MOH III CD Set](#) | All Ages | 22 CDs | 21 Hours, 13 Min. | \$52.95

CRAFT PAK CD

Enrichment4You and *The Mystery of History* teamed up to bring you two CD craft packs, each containing 8 exquisite historical art projects and coloring pages for all ages, to complement either volume I or volume II. Beautifully illustrated mini-lessons, directions, and material lists are provided for each project. Students will fossilize a fern in plaster, sculpt a Sumerian relief, create a working oil lamp, construct a 3-D Greek facade, arrange a Roman mosaic, and complete other projects specific to the time periods. Bonus! Thirty-five printable coloring pages are included. This set is a must for the artistically inclined or hands-on student.

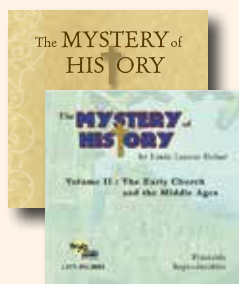
- [CD Volume I](#) | 4th grade & up | \$19.95
- [CD Volume II](#) | 4th grade & up | \$19.95



THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY REPRODUCIBLE CDs

No more racing to the copy shop or slicing the binding off your book! Our CD saves time, money, and headaches. Now you can print out all the reproducibles included in volumes I & II. These disks include all pretests, posttests, quarterly worksheets, semester tests, individual maps, and appendices. Give yourself a break and order this resource.

- [MOH I CD](#) | All Ages | \$19.95
- [MOH II CD](#) | All Ages | \$19.95



The Mystery of History has been so much more than just a history curriculum to my family. Delving into the lessons in The Mystery of History has stirred my soul to new spiritual growth and has been THE big catalyst in our family's spiritual growth. The Lord is using The Mystery of History to turn hearts to Him and to further His Kingdom.

- Susan

Victoria Dawson,
winner of our MOH
Scrapbook Contest

Recommended Resources!

MOH Vol. I:

- WonderMaps (p. 11)
- Historical Atlas of the World & Student Bible Atlas (p. 9)
- History Through the Ages Timeline Figures—Creation to Christ (p. 8)

MOH Vol. III:

- WonderMaps (p. 11)
- Historical Atlas of the World & Children's Illustrated Atlas of the World (p. 9) Atlas of World Geography (p. 9)
- History Through the Ages Timeline Figures to accompany *The Mystery of History III* (p. 8)

MOH Vol. II:

- WonderMaps (p. 11)
- Historical Atlas of the World & Student Bible Atlas (p. 9)
- History Through the Ages Timeline Figures—Resurrection to Revolution (p. 8)

MOH Vol. IV:

- WonderMaps (p. 11)
- Historical Atlas of the World & Children's Illustrated Atlas of the World (p. 9) Atlas of World Geography (p. 9)
- History Through the Ages Timeline Figures to accompany *The Mystery of History IV* (p. 8)



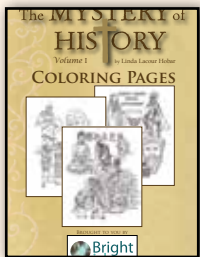
Vicki Boshka, runner-up in the MOH Scrapbook Contest

"I am in 8th grade and I love your history book. In the past I would dread doing history, but you make history exciting! Now history is my favorite subject."

- Sarah
(8th grade, Austin, TX)



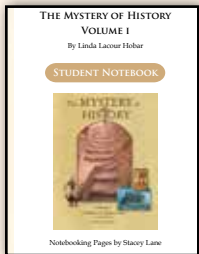
New Downloadable Items for The Mystery of History!



THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY COLORING PAGES

These unique coloring pages were drawn exclusively for *The Mystery of History*. Each expertly crafted page captures one week of lessons in a beautiful collage of outline figures. (Volume I includes an answer key to help students "find" the three integrated stories of the week.) Reproducible for your family.

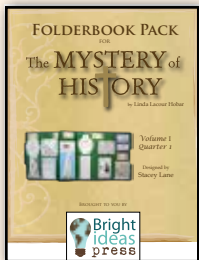
All Ages | Download | Vol. I | 36 pages | \$14.95
Vols. II, III, and IV | 28 pages | \$14.95



THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY NOTEBOOKING PAGES

One page for each lesson of *The Mystery of History*. Almost every lesson has ruled pages for taking notes, some of the pages have maps to help students visualize the lesson, and still others have space for students to illustrate or diagram the lesson. Includes informational pages, wide-ruled and college-ruled pages, and typeable pages for each lesson.

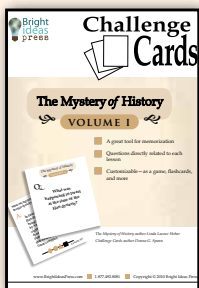
All Ages | Download | Available for Vols. I to IV | \$19.95 each



THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY FOLDERBOOKS

Folderbooks provide a meaningful and enjoyable way to help visual and kinesthetic learners grasp concepts. Graphic organizers present material in a different way than words alone. They help the brain sort through and organize facts and concepts and tend to be easier to remember than straight prose. Our folderbooks are easy to assemble and provide plenty of space for writing!

All Ages | Available for Vols. I to III | Download: \$32.00 | CD: \$40.00



THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY CHALLENGE CARDS

Challenge cards are a tool that takes advantage of children's amazing ability to memorize large quantities of information! Each lesson has three questions that give the highlights of "who, what, where, when, and how." When memorized over the course of a year, these questions give a framework and chronology of history that will eventually work into their long-term memory. It is highly recommended that you review them regularly as you move through the study of history.

All Ages | Download | Available for Vols. I to IV | \$14.95

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For Volumes I, II and III

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ALL AMERICAN HISTORY



ALL AMERICAN HISTORY VOLUMES I AND II

Uniting America's Story, Piece by Piece

By Celeste Rakes

- Distinctly Christian
- Co-op & family friendly
- Written for 6th–12th grades
- Adaptable for the entire family

Containing tons of pictures, beautiful illustrations, dozens of maps, and key points to remember each week, *All American History Volumes I and II* comprise a complete two-year curriculum for grades 6–12 (adaptable for younger students as well). Special emphasis is given to the social and cultural aspects of American history. History is memorable for students when they learn how people in past periods lived: clothing, housing, foods, games, social structures, etc. Much more than a text and workbook, *All American History* invites you to engage in history studies using all the learning styles.

The *Student Reader* was written to make both the *Student Activity Book* and suggestions in the *Teacher's Guide* possible without a teacher having to do her own research. The *Student Reader* presents the facts (as is best possible to discern them) but does not editorialize on the facts. When there is information supporting Christian motivation, references to God/Christ/the church, etc., are included, but information is not stretched in order to promote a particular Christian point of view.

The *Student Activity Book* will help students:

- gain note-taking skills
- focus on what is important
- become engaged with the information
- improve geographic awareness
- review the information learned
- choose research topics



The *Teacher's Guide* is the heart of this course. It includes schedules, timeline information and pictures, forms, book lists, answer keys, games, hands-on projects, and more. For families with elementary-age students, there are adaptations for younger students as well. Order the *Student Reader*, *Student Activity Book*, and *Teacher's Guide* as a packaged set and receive a 15% discount!

Volume I: 1020–1800s

- Exploration
- Colonization
- Revolution
- Establishment & Expansion

Volume II: 1800s–2004

- Civil War
- Gilded Age
- World War
- Cold War

Each year is composed of three books
(Prices are the same for both years):

Hardback *Student Reader* | 400+ pages | \$44.95

Student Activity Book | 224+ pages | \$16.95

Teacher's Guide | 325+ pages | \$18.95

Package of all three books | \$68.00

Celeste Rakes has a B.A. from Furman University, is certified in history secondary education, and has a master's degree in biblical studies from Covenant Seminary. She has homeschooled her own three children from kindergarten through 12th grades and also taught for many years in a homeschooling co-op. This course is the product of her love of teaching.

All American History Jr.

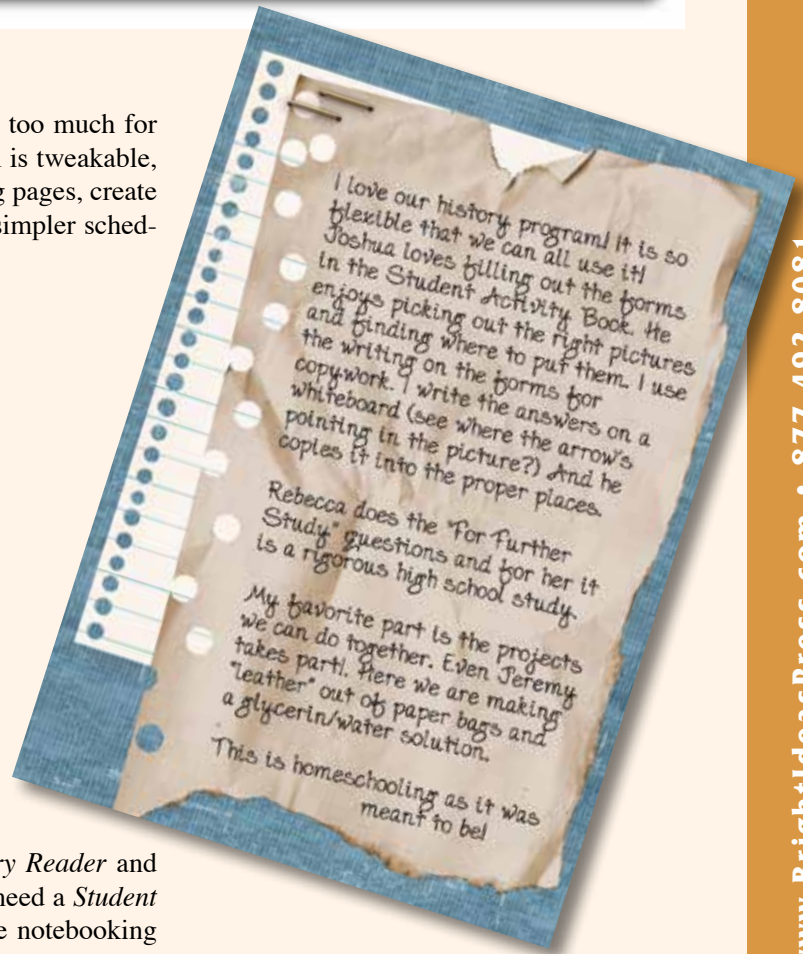
Volumes I & II

Concerned that using *All American History* might be too much for your elementary aged student? Although the program is tweakable, tweaking takes time. It also takes time to find coloring pages, create your own notebooking pages or folderbooks, plan a simpler schedule, etc. What if we did all that for you?

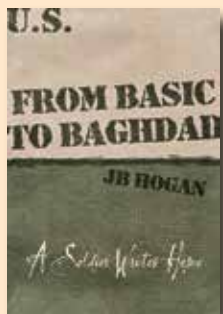
All American History Jr. includes:

- lesson plans with:
 - smaller amounts of lesson material for your student to read
 - additional elementary-friendly hands-on activities
- 5 literature study guides
- challenge cards – ready for you to print out
- simplified folderbooks – 5 total for the year
- notebooking pages
- coloring pages
- puzzles
- pictures
- maps

AAH Jr. requires the use of the *All American History Reader* and the *Teacher's Guide*! By using AAH Jr. you will not need a *Student Activity Book* (SAB) for your younger students. (The notebooking pages and maps act as a substitute for the SAB.)



All American History Jr. [Volumes I & II](#) | [Download](#) | K-5th | \$44.95



FROM BASIC TO BAGHDAD – A SOLDIER WRITES HOME by J.B. Hogan

When homeschool graduate JB Hogan joined the Army in the summer of 2001, his mother urged him to write home. The avalanche of letters that followed reassured her that JB was surviving the Army, even if the Army didn't quite know what to make of JB! Both scathingly funny and deeply poignant, this coming-of-age story is a book for America and her families.

[Hardback 250 pages](#) | [Teens & up](#) | \$14.95

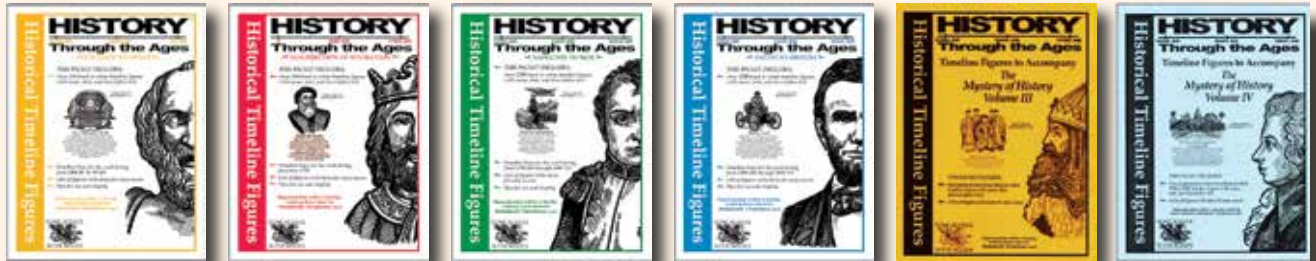
"JB gives a heartfelt, down-to-earth account of his military service in Iraq that is both gripping and entertaining. It is a story of the typical fears, sacrifices, and adventures of a young soldier serving far from home—it will make you proud to be an American."

Chris Klicka—author; speaker; senior counsel, Home School Legal Defense Association

Geography and History Supplements

Maps make you snooze? Timelines confuse? From Hannibal's march to current events, using timelines and maps makes history, geography, literature, science, and fine arts come alive!

HISTORY THROUGH THE AGES: TIMELINE FIGURES

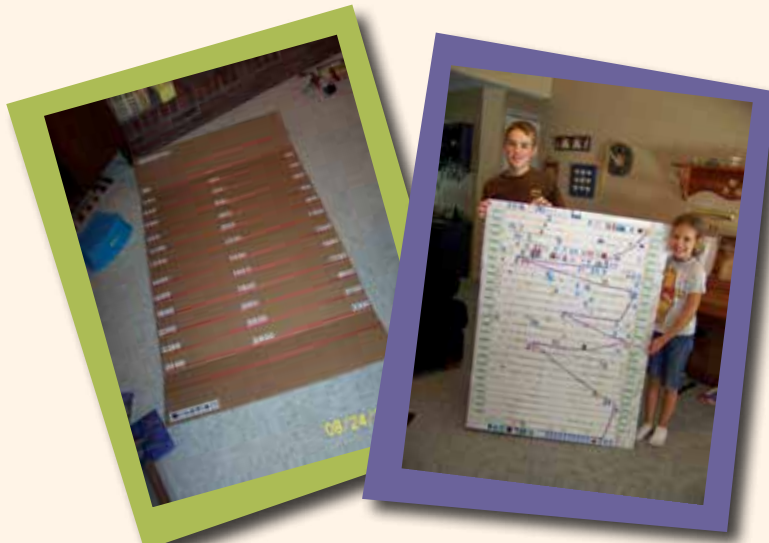


- Creation to Christ | 250+ figures | \$22.95
- Resurrection to Revolution (Birth of Christ–AD 1799) | 280+ figures | \$22.95
- Napoleon to Now (AD 1750 to Present—World History) | 280+ figures | \$22.95
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- Collection of Historical Timeline Figures on 2-CD Mega-Set (Creation to Present)

Includes all figures from the 5 volumes above PLUS 80 bonus figures. Figures available with either text descriptions or name and date only; available as .pdf pages and individual .gif images; can be resized for a variety of projects; several search options available to find the figures you need on the CDs. This package is an excellent value! | \$74.95



Matthew, 13, and Kelsey, 7, display their completed timeline from The Mystery of History. Their mom says, "We had an incredible time putting this timeline together and look forward to doing MOH II this fall!"

Left:

Students create sewing board timelines to use with The Mystery of History. Use the beautiful timeline figures in History Through the Ages or make your own.

WORLDWIDE GEOGRAPHY CARD GAMES

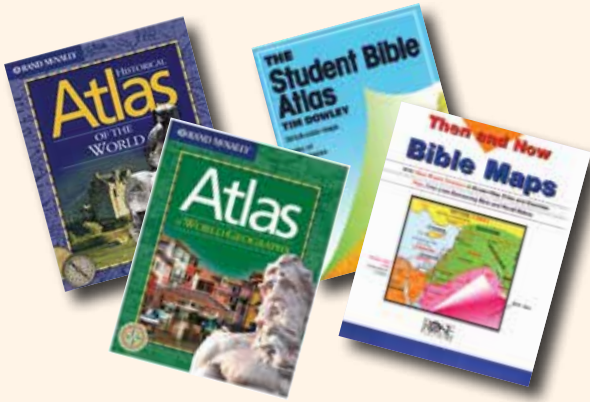
Put the world in your hands with this exciting family card game. No matter what your age or geo-literacy level, you can enjoy this game. Developed by a college professor of geography. Game play is similar to Uno. Kids and teens alike love it! Exciting and educational. Teaches country name, capital, and location. For 2–8 players, ages 9 years to senior citizens. Included with each game is a 17 ¼" x 17 ¼" full-color map.

[Americas | \\$12.00](#)

[Europe | \\$12.00](#)



Everyone needs atlases when studying history, Bible, and everything else! Finding locations you're learning about in an atlas is a vital skill. Are your atlases up to date and age appropriate? Here are some of our favorite atlases.



ATLASES & BIBLE ATLASES

Historical Atlas of the World | A must have! | \$14.95
Atlas of World Geography | Middle school & up | \$17.50
The Student Bible Atlas by Tim Dowley | All Ages | \$11.99
Then and Now Bible Maps | \$19.95

Compare Bible times with a modern-day atlas—a wonderful family resource!

For the best historical maps you'll ever use, look at *WonderMaps* on page 11!



USA / WORLD LAMINATED OUTLINE MAP

This very popular map has the U.S. on one side and the world on the other. The projection places Asia so that it is not split in two. Mark empires, battles, habitats, and travels. Label states, favorite ball teams and missionary locations. Unlimited uses. Use wet erase markers, not dry erase!

Double-Sided | Laminated | 23" x 34" | \$10.95

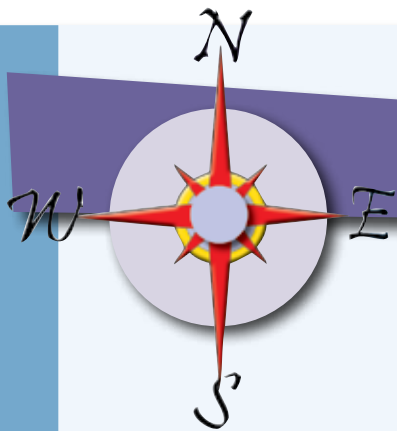
Check out how students have used their laminated maps!



MARK-IT TIMELINE OF HISTORY, LAMINATED

Students record historical events on this poster-style timeline. Watch their memory of chronological events improve! Side one is dated from 4000 BC to AD 2050. Side two is lined but undated for in-depth studies of any time period. Attach pictures, symbols, or the historical timeline figures to the laminated surface for detail and color. For double the impact, use in conjunction with outline maps: use the same icon on both a map and this timeline to show the where and the when of events. Prefer a linear timeline? Cut this one in strips along the dotted lines and tape together to form 21 feet of history.

Double-sided, Laminated | 23" x 34" | All Ages | \$10.50



GEOGRAPHY

NORTH STAR GEOGRAPHY

by Tyler H. Hogan

GEOGRAPHY is more than just place names and outline maps—it's understanding how the world around us works! *North Star Geography* gives students a deep understanding of how geography impacts all of us every day—with real-life applications for college, career, citizenship, and ministry.

Written from a distinctly Christian perspective by a homeschool grad (now a homeschool dad), *North Star Geography* is a full high school credit. It covers:

- Geography Skills (such as reading maps and navigation)
- Physical Geography (the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere)
- Human Geography (social structures, culture and heritage, and how people interact with the environment)

The *Companion Guide* (included on CD) contains:

- Hands-on activities and projects
- Map work, memorization, and geographic research questions (with answers!)
- Quizzes, a final exam, answer keys, and a grading rubric
- Reproducible outline and reference maps, note-taking pages, and graphic organizers
- Detailed yet flexible schedules

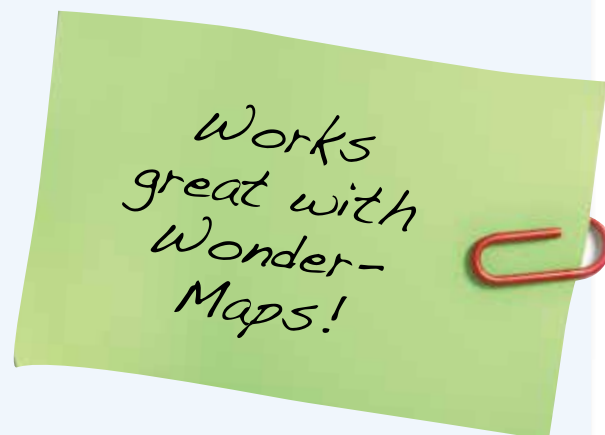
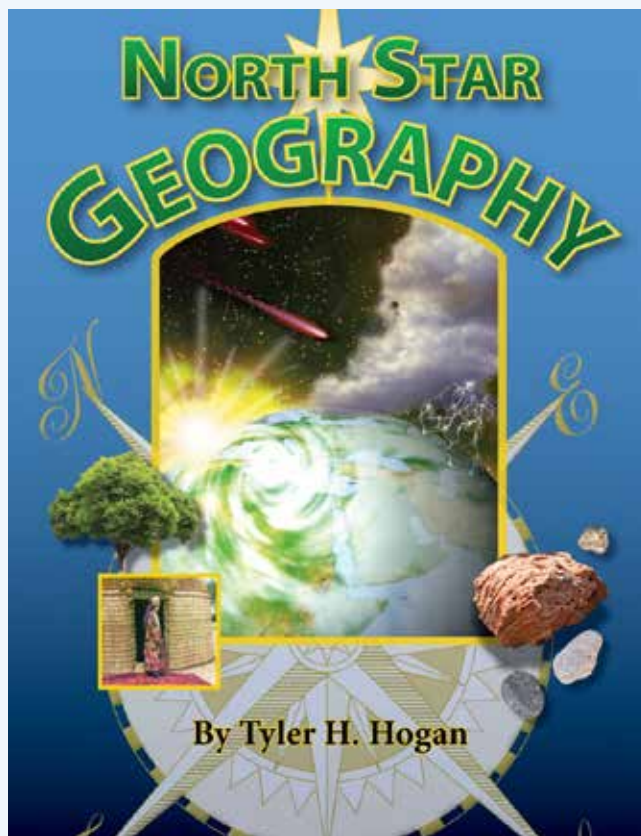
If you want your students to understand our world, this could be the most important class you teach this year!

Grades 7–12 | 312 Pages

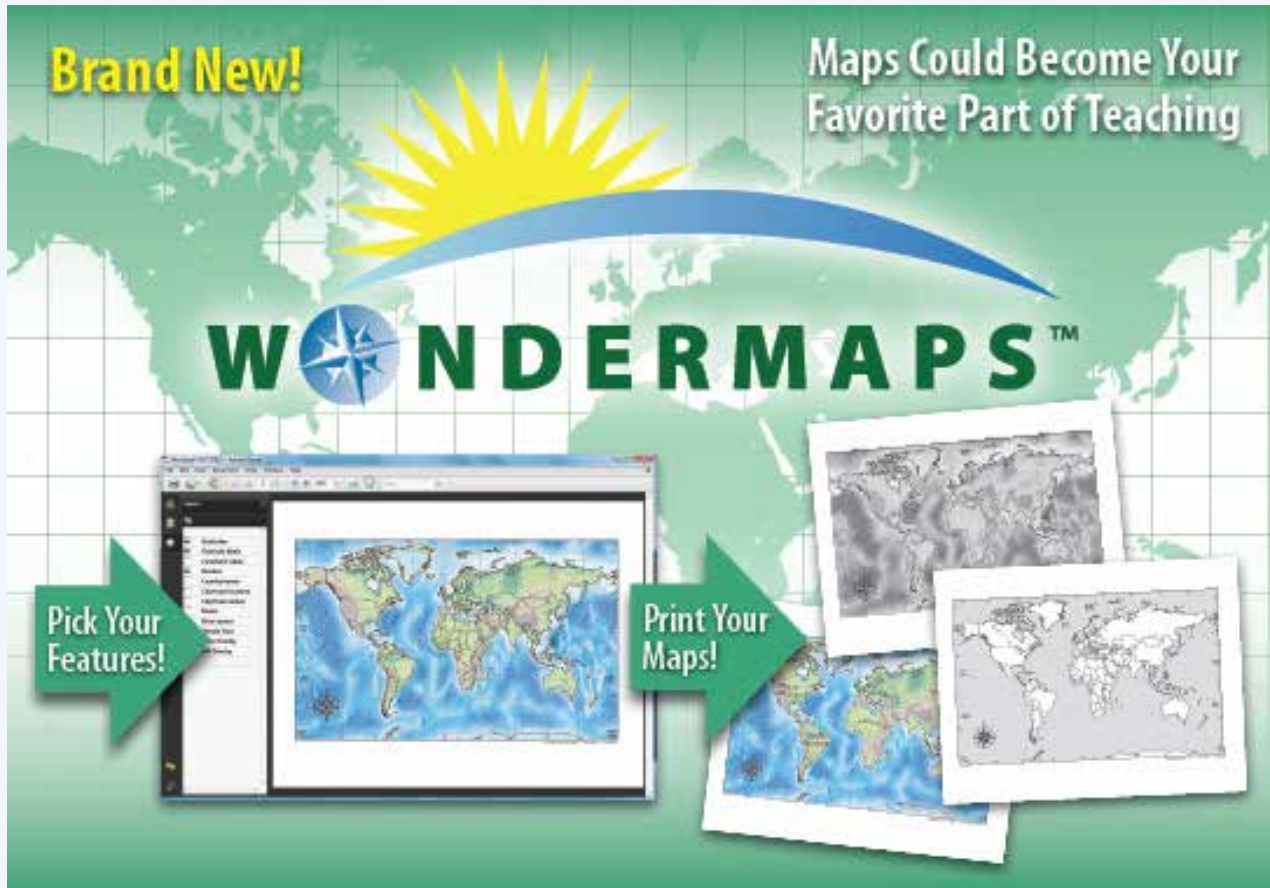
Hardback + CD: \$69.95

CD only: \$59.95

Ebook version: \$54.95



Join us at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/whole_hog/ to share ideas and resources for teaching geography!



WONDERMAPS

by Tyler Hogan

Geography and map skills add richness to any lesson. Whether it's history, literature, science, current events, or Bible, maps play an integral role in thoroughly understanding the topic at hand. WonderMaps is a customizable collection of over 350 different maps. With nearly endless possibilities, WonderMaps makes it easy to regularly integrate map study into a variety of lessons and make the most of every learning opportunity.

WonderMaps is designed with easy-to-use layers that allow you to enjoy great customizable features with just a click.

“The study of history, geography, current events, and even art just got easier with *WonderMaps*”

— Laurie Bluedorn

“I am a map junkie and can confidently say that your software puts the other big names in homeschool maps to shame. (I should know—I have them all!) I feel so blessed to get to review the program. My map-loving kids are deliriously happy!”

— Laura Delgado, Ph.D.

Select:

- historical or modern-day maps
- outline, reference, political, or topographical maps
- black-and-white or color maps
- features including names, borders, rivers, cities, physical features, and graticules

WonderMaps includes:

- 60+ maps of the world
- 60+ maps of the USA
- 125 historical maps, including 25 biblical maps
- The complete map sets from *The Mystery of History* vols. I–III and *All American History* vols. I & II

Download or CD | Grades K–12 | \$49.95

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THE ULTIMATE GEOGRAPHY AND TIMELINE GUIDE

by Maggie S. Hogan and Cindy Wiggers

Become geographically literate. Even if you lack knowledge in this vital subject, this one source book will provide you with everything you need to competently teach geography from kindergarten through graduation. Part lesson plans, part idea book, part unit study, and part inspiration! Discover the secrets of keeping timelines and the “how-to” of integrating the student notebook. Try the literature unit featuring *Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates* or make lava fudge in the science section. Lots of activities, charts, reproducibles, games, flash cards, and the scope and sequence make for a satisfying and enjoyable study of geography for the whole family. A great investment! Whether you are a unit-study or textbook fan, a hands-on mom or a classical approach teacher, you’ll find much to love about this award-winning curriculum and guide. This nonconsumable will stay by your side all the way through the high school years. We highly recommend using both the middle and senior high school geography courses included in this book before your students graduate.

Recently revised! *The Ultimate Geography and Timeline Guide* now comes with a CD containing ALL the reproducible pages in the book! Make your life easier and get even more use out of this valuable feature.

Paperback 352 pages | Grades K–12 | \$39.95



HANDS-ON GEOGRAPHY

by Maggie S. Hogan

This long-time favorite introduction to geography has loads of ideas and activities, making this a book to get excited about! Enough material to last families for several years. How can you miss with Around the World Night, Hero Geography, Make Your Own Field Guides, as well as reproducible maps and games? Joseph’s Journey, a geographic look at a beloved Bible passage, walks parent and student through these familiar verses, illuminating them in a fresh new way. An easy, yet thorough, introduction to a very important subject. Written from a Christian perspective, *Hands-On Geography* will motivate you to teach an oft-neglected subject. Includes specific instructions for activities, games, and projects. Appealing to kids and easy for parents.

Paperback 144 pages | Grades K–5 | \$14.95



Salt-dough map of Africa



Tyler, 9, and Kelsey, 6, display their cake of Egypt.

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Illuminations

Psalm 119:105

Lighting Your Path Toward Excellence

Practical **Fun** **Affordable** **Encouraging**
We can do this! *We can enjoy this!* *We can get this!* *We're not alone!*

Illuminations is:

An all-inclusive curriculum based on
The Mystery of History and
All American History series.

The program includes:

- » Bible
- » Literature
- » Science
- » Humanities
- » Geography
- » History
- » Life Skills
- » Projects
- » Mom Support
- » Language Arts
 - Grammar
 - Writing
 - Copywork
 - Spelling
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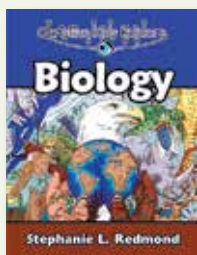
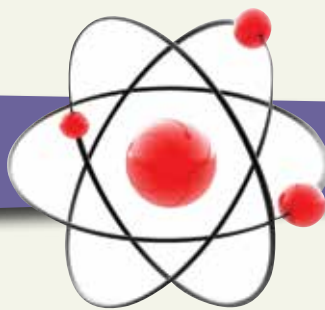
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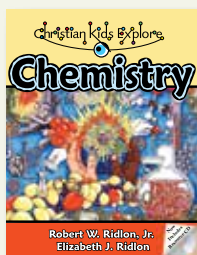


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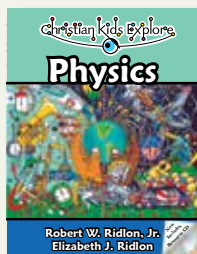


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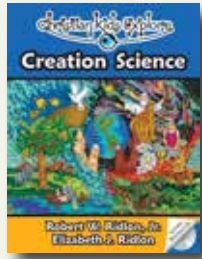
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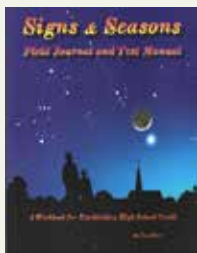
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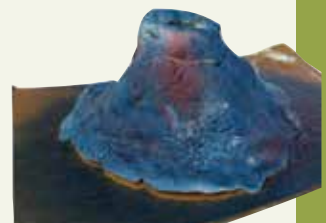
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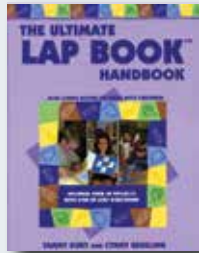
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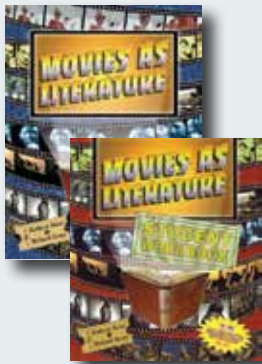


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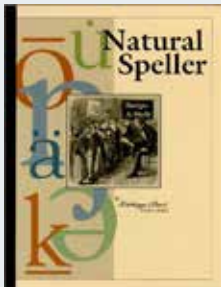


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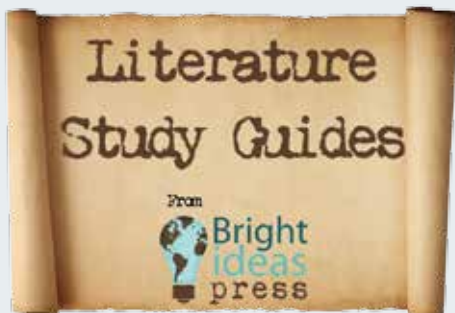
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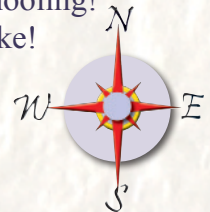
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