

Rough 4-Year History Plan

This document shows the general plan for major topics explored by The Good & the Beautiful history course over four courses. The outline may change as the courses are created; not all the topics covered in the 7-10th grade explorers are listed; and the topics covered in the lower grade level explorers are not listed. The courses do not go in chronological order for these reasons:

- Each course goes from ancient history to modern history, connecting all time periods, but stopping in certain time periods and places to explore in depth. This allows children to see the entire flow of history each year.
 - Children and parents often do not like spending an entire year on just one specific time period.
 - If history courses go in chronological order, it can be years until US history is studied. These courses place an emphasis on US history, and US history is explored each year!
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YEAR 1

Unit 1: Ancient Egypt

1. The Creation
2. Adam through Enoch
3. Noah through the Tower of Babel
4. Introduction to Ancient Egypt
5. Ancient Egypt: Daily Life & Writing
6. Ancient Egypt: Government & Buildings
7. Ancient Egypt: Afterlife & Herodotus
8. The Power and Importance of History
9. Ancient Egypt Oral Presentations
10. Abraham
11. Isaac & Rebekah/Ancient Trade Routes
12. Joseph in Egypt
13. Moses/The Passover
14. Egypt From 600 BC to Modern Day

7-12 Student Explorers: Creation vs. Evolution, Stories of the Flood from Many Cultures, Queen Hatshepsut, Writing in Ancient Egypt, Valley of the Kings, Mary Louis Whatley in Egypt, Abraham, Joseph, Suez Canal, The Arab Spring, Josephus

Unit 2: The Middle Ages & the Renaissance

1. Ancient Britain
2. The Spread of Christianity in Ireland/St. Patrick
3. Review
4. The Spread of Christianity in England
5. King Alfred the Great
6. William the Conqueror

7. Life in the Middle Ages
8. The Magna Carta: Part 1
9. The Magna Carta: Part 2
10. The Age of Chivalry
11. Joan of Arc: Part 1
12. Joan of Arc: Part 2
13. Joan of Arc: Part 3
14. The Black Death/ The Renaissance
15. The Scientific Revolution
16. The Faithful French Huguenots

Unit 3: The French and Indian War through the Revolutionary War

1. New France
2. Young George Washington
3. The French & Indian War
4. Reasons for a Revolution
5. The Sons of Liberty/The Boston Tea Party
6. The First Continental Congress & the Start of the Revolutionary War
7. The Second Continental Congress
8. The Character of Thomas Jefferson
9. The Coming Forth of the Declaration of Independence
10. John Locke
11. The Sacrifices of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
12. Principles of the Declaration of Independence
13. General George Washington
14. The Battle of Trenton
15. Valley Forge/Alliance with France
16. The Articles of Confederation
17. The End of the Revolutionary War
18. The Blessings of a Constitutional Democratic Republic

7-12 Student Explorers: Jacques Cartier, Joliet, Marquette, La Salle, French & Indian War, Boston Massacre, Paul Revere, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, John Locke, Nathan Hale, Battle of Trenton, Culper Spy Ring, Lafayette, Francis Marion, Articles of Confederation, Samuel Adams, Samuel de Champlain, The Boston Massacre, Nathan Hale, Benedict Arnold and Andre the Spy, African Americans in the Revolutionary War

Unit 4: The Victorian Era / The History of Flight / The Cold War Era

1. Queen Victoria/The British Empire
2. The Victorian Period
3. Foreign Missionary Movement Part 1
4. Foreign Missionary Movement Part 2
5. Two Famous Victorians
6. Florence Nightingale/The Great Irish Famine
7. The History of Flight
8. Cold War Part 1 (1945-1950): The Berlin Blockade
9. Cold War Part 2: Rebellion and Resistance
10. The Space Race
11. Ronald Reagan
12. The Fall of Communism

7-12 Student Explorers: The British Empire in 1898, the Foreign Missionary Movement, David Livingstone, Ronald Reagan, the History of Flight, the Cold War

YEAR 2

Unit 1: Ancient Greece / Ancient Asia

1. Ancient Greece: Geography and Mythology
2. Ancient Greece: Daily Life
3. Greek City-States
4. The Olympics/The Persian War
5. Ancient Greece: Philosophy, Math, Science, Astronomy
6. Alexander the Great
7. Introduction to Ancient China
8. Ancient China: Dynasties and Calendar
9. Ancient China: Daily Life
10. Ancient China: Religion
11. Genghis and Kublai Khan
12. Ancient India
13. Unit 1 Review

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: *Epic of Gilgamesh*, Akkadian Empire, Cyrus the Great, Sargon the Great, Xerxes, Peloponnesian Wars, The Titans, *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey* (Note: Greek Mythology is summarized and discussed, but no Greek mythology stories are a part of the course. However, the course gives a page with links to the top recommended free Greek mythology stories for parents who want their children to study these stories.)

Unit 2: Vikings / Exploration / Mesoamerica

1. Vikings: Part 1
2. Vikings: Part 2
3. The Travels of Marco Polo
4. Motivations for Exploration
5. Christopher Columbus: Part 1
6. Christopher Columbus: Part 2
7. Christopher Columbus: Part 3
8. Balboa/John Cabot and His Son Sebastian
9. Exploring the New World: Amerigo Vespucci, Ponce De Leon, De Soto
10. Mesoamerican Civilization: Introduction
11. Mesoamerican Civilization: Aztecs
12. Mesoamerican Civilization: Maya
13. Mesoamerican Civilization: Inca
14. Mesoamerica – Cortez & Other Spanish Conquistadors

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Vasco da Gama, Sir Francis Drake, Ferdinand Magellan

Unit 3: Colonial America / The US Constitution

Note: Unit 3 of this Year 2 course goes over only the most important and basic principles of the constitution. It is suggested that after you complete the Year 1, 2, 3, and 4 courses, you take our US government and economics course, which is designed for children in grades 6-12 and which goes in great depth about the history and details of the US Constitution and important principles of liberty, government, and economics.

1. Captain John Smith/The Jamestown Settlement
2. Pocahontas & Squanto
3. Captain Myles Standish
4. The Pilgrims/The Mayflower

5. William Bradford/The Mayflower Compact
6. Plymouth Colony and the Pilgrims
7. The Puritans/John Winthrop/Roger Williams
8. The Thirteen Colonies: Geography & Religious Foundations
9. Everyday Life in Colonial Times
10. The Spirit of the Colonists: Frugality, Faith, and Hard Work
11. Benjamin Franklin: Part 1
12. Benjamin Franklin: Part 2
13. The Coming Forth of the US Constitution
14. The Constitution: Representation, Rule of Law, Limited Government
15. The Constitution: Separation of Powers, Checks & Balances
16. The Constitution: Branches of Government

7-12 Student Explorers: Sir Walter Raleigh, the Lost Colony, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Henry Hudson, Salem Witch Trials, European History During the 1700s: Peter the Great (1672-1725), William Pitt (1708-1778), Causes of the French Revolution (1789-1799), Marie Antoinette, Reign of Terror, Marquis de Lafayette, Napoleon Bonaparte, Outcome of French Revolution, Marie Curie

Unit 4: George Washington / John Adams / History of US Education

1. George Washington as President
2. John and Abigail Adams
3. Education in Early America: A Foundation on Christ
4. Noah Webster and William McGuffey
5. The Secularization of Education in America

Unit 5: WWI Through the Great Depression

1. World War I (1914-1918): The Causes/Why the US Joined the War
2. World War I: Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, and Nationalism
3. World War I: Life in the Trenches/Weapons & Technology
4. World War I: Effects on the Home Front
5. World War I: Stories of True Heroism
6. Henry Ford: Generosity, Self-Reliance, and Integrity
7. John D. Rockefeller & Andrew Carnegie
8. The Roaring 20s/The Stock Market
9. Causes of the Great Depression
10. The Dust Bowl
11. Life During the Great Depression

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Prohibition, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt Franklin, The New Deals, Louis Armstrong, Al Capone, Herbert Hoover, J. Edgar Hoover, Babe Ruth

YEAR 3

Unit 1: Ancient Israel

1. Mesopotamia / The Sumerians
2. The Babylonians & the Assyrians
3. The Hittites & the Phoenicians
4. The Exodus through the Period of the Judges
5. King Saul and King David
6. King Solomon/Elijah
7. Jonah/ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego
8. The Neo-Babylonia Era or Chaldean Era (626 BC and ended in 539 BC)
9. King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia
10. The Persian Empire (550 BC)
11. Daniel of the Old Testament
12. Ancient Israel
13. Ancient Israel
14. Esther and Job
15. The Birth and Life of Jesus Christ
16. The Story of the Jews—Christ's Death to Present Day: Part 1
17. The Story of the Jews—Christ's Death to Present Day: Part 1
18. Unit Review

Unit 2: Native Americans

1. Native Americans: Overview and Geography
2. Algonquians Part 1: Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Mohicans, and the Ottawas
3. Algonquians Part 2: Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Mohicans, and the Ottawas
4. Iroquois
5. Navajo
6. Cherokee
7. Sioux
8. The Relationship Between Native Americans and Colonizers
9. Native American Review Activity

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Inuit, Nez Perce, Seminole, Native Americans Today, Indian Reservations, Battle of Little Bighorn, Trail of Tears, Wounded Knee Massacre, Chief Joseph, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Geronimo, Sequoyah, Squanto, Tecumseh, Jim Thorpe

Unit 3: Bill of Rights

1. Amendments to the Constitution/ Individual Rights Amendments
2. Bill of Rights: First Amendment-- Freedom of Religion
3. Bill of Rights: First Amendment—Freedom of Speech, Press, and Assembly
4. Bill of Rights: Second Amendment—The Right to Bear Arms
5. Bill of Rights: Third-Eighth Amendments
6. Bill of Rights: Ninth and Tenth Amendments: Limitations of Government/Federal Vs. State Government

Unit 3: US Industrial Revolution / Westward Expansion / Scientists of the 1800s

1. Daniel Boone (1769/1775)
2. First and Second Industrial Revolutions
3. Westward Expansion Overview/ Homestead Act and Land Rush
4. First Transcontinental Railroad (1863) and the Louisiana Purchase (1803)
5. Robert Fulton and the Invention of the Steamboat
6. The Lewis and Clark Expedition & Sacagawea
7. Lewis and Clarke Interactive Activity
8. Battle of the Alamo (1836)
9. The Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail
10. Daily Life on the Frontier
11. Stagecoaches and the Pony Express (1860-1861)
12. Mormon Pioneers & the Settlement of Utah (1847-1850s)
13. George Washington Carver
14. Samuel Morse/Alexander Graham Bell
15. Thomas Edison
16. The Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island and Immigration
17. Unit Review

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Sam Houston, War of 1812, Famous Gunfighters, Sitting Bull, Mexican American War (1846-1848)

Unit 4: World War II

1. Hitler and Nazi Germany
2. The Dangers and Destruction of Communism
3. Stories of Faith and Survival in Stalin's Russia
4. World War II: Causes/Pearl Harbor
5. World War II: The Allied and the Axis Powers
6. Winston Churchill
7. The Holocaust: Stories of Faith and Courage during a Very Dark Time
8. The Holocaust: Resistance (Corrie ten Boom, Helmuth Hubener, The Von Trapp Family)
9. World War II: The US Home Front/The Contributions of Women
10. World War II: Stories of Bravery and Faith
11. POWs/ Medal of Honor Recipients
12. D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy
13. War in the Pacific
14. World War II: The End of the War
15. Unit Review

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Japanese internment camps, WWII Battles, African Americans in WW2, Aircraft and Technology, Spies and Secret Agents, Speeches of Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George Patton

YEAR 4

Unit 1: Ancient Rome

1. Early History of Rome
2. Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire
3. The Roman Empire—Geography & Religion
4. The Roman Empire—Government
5. The Roman Empire—Daily Life
6. The Roman Empire—Engineering & Architecture
7. The Birth and Life of Jesus Christ and its Impact on future History
8. The Spread of the Roman Empire & the Spread of Christianity
9. The Split of the Roman Empire/Constantine
10. Theodosius I to the Fall of the Roman Empire
11. Unit Review

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Hannibal, the Punic Wars, Spartacus the Gladiator, Julius Caesar, the Burning of Rome / the Destruction of Pompeii

Unit 2: The History of Islam / Christianity in the Middle Ages / The Reformation / The History of the Bible

1. The History of Islam/Muhammad
2. The Basic Beliefs of Islam/Islamic Culture
3. Islamic Expansion / Ottoman Empire
4. Islam through the Ages: Its contributions and Impacts Then and Now
5. Christianity in Medieval Times
6. The Temple Mount and Pilgrimages
7. The Crusades
8. The Inquisition
9. Causes of the Reformation
10. John Wycliffe
11. Gutenberg & the Printing Press
12. Martin Luther
13. John Huss/Huldrych Zwingli
14. William Tyndale
15. John Calvin and Puritanism
16. Henry VIII: The Church of England/The Great Bible
17. King James I and the Bible/The Impact of the Bible
18. Unit Review

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Caliphate, First Four Caliphs, Saint Francis of Assisi, The War of the Roses, Famous Queens, King Henry VIII, The Counter-Reformation, The Tudor Era

Unit 4: Slavery / The Civil War Era

1. Abolition of the European Slave Trade: John Newton
2. Abolition of the European Slave Trade: William Wilberforce
3. Slavery in America
4. Eli Whitney and the Cotton Gin
5. The Underground Railroad

6. Harriet Tubman
7. Harriet Beecher Stowe & *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
8. Sojourner Truth
9. Abraham Lincoln: Childhood
10. Abraham Lincoln: From Teenager to President
11. Civil War: Overview & Geography
12. Civil War: The Confederation Succeeds/The Union Blockade
13. Civil War: Ulysses S. Grant
14. Civil War: Life at Home & Life as a Soldier
15. Clara Barton and the Red Cross
16. Civil War: The Battle of Gettysburg & The Gettysburg Address
17. Civil War: The End of the War/ Emancipation Proclamation/Reconstruction
18. Booker T. Washington

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Abolition in America (Benjamin Franklin, William Lloyd Garrison, The Dred and Harriet Scott Story, Legal Case Roswell Field and Taylor Blow), Frederick Douglass, John Brown and the Harpers Ferry Raid, First Battle of Bull Run and Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, Nathan Bedford Forrest

Unit 5: Post World War II/History of Canada

1. African-American Civil Rights Movement: Part 1
2. African-American Civil Rights Movement: Part 2
3. Women's Suffrage
4. Mahatma Gandhi
5. Mother Theresa
6. Technology Boom
7. Space Travel in the 1900s: Man Walks on the Moon/Space Shuttle Challenger
8. September 11 Attacks (2001) and the Iraq War (2003)
9. Hurricane Katrina (2005)
10. History of Canada Part I
11. History of Canada Part 2
12. Closing Unit

7-12 Grade Student Explorers: Gulf War (1990-1991)

United States Constitution & Government

The following topics will be covered and more.

1. The Constitution: Made by a Moral and Religious People for a Moral and Religious People
2. The Life and Character of Alexander Hamilton
3. The Life and Character of James Madison
4. The Coming Forth of the Constitution: Part 1
5. The Coming Forth of the Constitution: Part 2
6. Principles of the Constitution—Representation and Rule of Law
7. Principles of the Constitution—Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances
8. The Constitution: Branches of Government—Executive Branch
9. The Constitution: Branches of Government—Legislative Branch
10. The Constitution: Branches of Government—Judicial Branch
11. Principles of the Constitution—Limited Government
12. Maintaining Liberty—Electing Virtuous Leaders; Protecting Equal Rights Rather Than Providing Equal Things; Fostering Strong Families; Avoiding Debt
13. A Key to Prosperity: A Free-Market Economy with Minimal Government Regulations
14. The Original Duties of the Federal Government and How They Have Multiplied and Changed
15. The Different Branches of the Military: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves
16. Elections in the United States
17. Two-Party System
18. Electoral College/Running for Office
19. Shays' Rebellion
20. The Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
21. Federalists and Anti-Federalists
22. Virginia Plan
23. New Jersey Plan
24. Great Compromise
25. Three-Fifths Compromise
26. Anglo-Saxon Hengist and Horsa
27. The Constitution and Current Events