

# 4-Year History Plan

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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 7–12<sup>th</sup> 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 U.S. history is studied. These courses place an emphasis on U.S. history, and U.S. history is explored each year!
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## YEAR 1

### *Unit 1: Ancient History*

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 & 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*

15. Ancient Britain
16. The Spread of Christianity in Ireland/St. Patrick
17. Review/History of Your Church
18. The Spread of Christianity in England
19. King Alfred the Great
20. William the Conqueror
21. Life in the Middle Ages

22. The Magna Carta Part 1
23. The Magna Carta Part 2
24. The Age of Chivalry
25. Joan of Arc Part 1
26. Joan of Arc Part 2
27. Joan of Arc Part 3
28. The Black Death & the Renaissance
29. The Scientific Revolution
30. The Faithful French Huguenots

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

31. New France
32. Young George Washington
33. The French and Indian War
34. Reasons for a Revolution
35. The Sons of Liberty & the Boston Tea Party
36. The First Continental Congress & the Start of the Revolutionary War
37. The Second Continental Congress
38. The Character of Thomas Jefferson
39. The Coming Forth of the Declaration of Independence
40. John Locke
41. The Sacrifices of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
42. Principles of the Declaration of Independence
43. General George Washington
44. The Battle of Trenton
45. Valley Forge & Alliance with France
46. The Articles of Confederation
47. The End of the Revolutionary War

**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, 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*

48. The Blessings of a Democratic Constitutional Republic
49. Queen Victoria & the British Empire
50. The Victorian Period
51. Foreign Missionary Movement Part 1
52. Foreign Missionary Movement Part 2
53. Two Famous Victorians
54. Florence Nightingale/The Great Irish Famine
55. The History of Flight
56. Cold War Part I (1945–1950): The Berlin Blockade
57. Cold War Part II: Rebellion and Resistance
58. The Space Race
59. Ronald Reagan
60. 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 & 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, Calendar, & Art
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, Sargon the Great, Xerxes, Peloponnesian Wars, *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey* (Note: Greek Mythology is briefly 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 / Pre-Columbian America*

14. The Vikings: Part 1
15. The Vikings: Part 2
16. Marco Polo
17. Motivations for Exploration
18. Christopher Columbus: Part 1
19. Christopher Columbus: Part 2
20. Christopher Columbus: Part 3
21. Balboa and John and Sebastian Cabot
22. Other Explorers
23. Pre-Columbian America
24. Mayan Civilization
25. Aztec Civilization
26. The Inca Empire
27. Conquistadors

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** Vasco da Gama, Sir Francis Drake

## *Unit 3: Colonial America / The U.S. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. Constitution and important principles of liberty, government, and economics.

28. Jamestown, John Smith, & Pocahontas
29. The Pilgrims: Part 1
30. The Pilgrims: Part 2
31. Henry Hudson & the Dutch Colonies
32. The Puritans
33. Thomas Hooker & Roger Williams

34. William Penn & James Oglethorpe
35. Everyday Life in Colonial Times: Part 1
36. Everyday Life in Colonial Times: Part 2
37. The Thirteen Colonies
38. Benjamin Franklin: Part 1
39. Benjamin Franklin: Part 2
40. The Coming Forth of the Constitution
41. Basics of the Constitution
42. Important Principles of Freedom
43. The Blessings of a Constitutional Democratic Republic
44. George Washington as President

**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), 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: History of U.S. Education / WWI through the Great Depression*

45. Education in Early America: A Foundation on Christ
46. Noah Webster
47. William McGuffey
48. Review
49. Henry Ford
50. World War I: The Causes
51. World War I: Effects of the War/Why the U.S. Joined the War
52. World War I: Life in the Trenches/Weapons & Technology
53. World War I: Life in the U.S.
54. World War I: Stories of True Heroism
55. Review
56. The Roaring 20's
57. Causes of the Great Depression
58. The Great Depression
59. The Dust Bowl
60. Review

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** Prohibition, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, The New Deals, Louis Armstrong, Al Capone, Babe Ruth

# YEAR 3

## *Unit 1: Ancient Mesopotamia & Ancient Israel*

1. Mesopotamia
2. The Babylonians & the Assyrians
3. The Exodus & 40 Years in the Desert
4. David & Solomon
5. The Phoenicians
6. Jonah the Prophet / Review
7. The Neo-Babylonian Empire and Nebuchadnezzar II
8. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego
9. The Prophet Daniel and Review
10. Cyrus the Great
11. The Persian Empire
12. Job / The Hebrew Calendar
13. Esther
14. Israel - After the Return / The Alexandrine Occupation
15. Israel - Roman Conquest / The Birth of Jesus Christ
16. The Story of the Jews / Christ's Life to Masada
17. The Story of the Jews from the Destruction of Jerusalem to Modern Times
18. Judaism

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** History of the Jews

## *Unit 2: Ancient Africa / Native North Americans*

19. Ancient Africa: Geography and Climate
20. Ancient African Culture: Family Life
21. Ancient African Culture: Trade, Skills, and Education
22. Kingdoms of Ancient Africa: Ghana
23. Kingdoms of Ancient Africa: Mali and Songhai
24. Religion in Ancient Africa
25. Native North Americans: Overview and Geography
26. Arctic and Subarctic Culture Areas
27. Northwest Coast and Plateau Culture Areas
28. Great Plains Culture Area
29. Eastern Woodlands Culture Area
30. California and Great Basin Culture Areas
31. Southwest Culture Area
32. Southeast Culture Area / The "Five Civilized Tribes"

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** History of Modern Africa, Nelson Mandela, Timbuktu, South Africa, Indian Reservations, Battle of Little Bighorn

### *Unit 3: Westward Expansion and Industrialization*

33. Daniel Boone
34. The Louisiana Purchase
35. The Lewis & Clark Expedition & Sacajawea
36. Robert Fulton and the Invention of the Steamboat
37. The Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail
38. The California Gold Rush
39. Daily Life on the Frontier
40. Battle of the Alamo
41. Stagecoaches and the Pony Express
42. The First Transcontinental Railroad
43. The Homestead Act and Land Rush
44. First and Second Industrial Revolutions
45. George Washington Carver
46. Samuel Morse and the Telegraph
47. Thomas Edison

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** War of 1812, Famous Gunfighters, Mexican American War (1846–1848), The Purchase of Florida, Sam Houston, Obtaining the Pacific Northwest, The Gadsden Purchase, Obtaining Oregon

### *Unit 4: World War II*

48. The Rise of Nazism
49. Dangers and Destruction of Communism
50. Stories of Faith and Survival in Stalin’s Russia
51. Causes of World War II / Pearl Harbor
52. Faith and Resistance in World War II
53. The Holocaust
54. World War II: The U.S. Home Front
55. World War II: Stories of Bravery
56. Winston Churchill
57. D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy
58. The War in the Pacific
59. World War II Ends
60. Review of History Years 1, 2, and 3

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** Japanese Internment Camps, Spies and Secret Agents, Propaganda,

# 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*

12. The History of Islam / Muhammad
13. The Basic Beliefs of Islam / Islamic Culture
14. Islamic Expansion / Ottoman Empire
15. Islam through the Ages: Its Contributions and Impacts Then and Now
16. Christianity in Medieval Times
17. The Temple Mount and Pilgrimages
18. The Crusades
19. The Inquisition
20. Causes of the Reformation
21. John Wycliffe
22. Gutenberg & the Printing Press
23. Martin Luther
24. John Huss / Huldrych Zwingli
25. William Tyndale
26. John Calvin and Puritanism
27. Henry VIII: The Church of England / The Great Bible
28. King James I and the Bible / The Impact of the Bible
29. 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 3: Slavery / The Civil War Era*

30. Abolition of the European Slave Trade: John Newton
31. Abolition of the European Slave Trade: William Wilberforce
32. Slavery in America
33. Eli Whitney and the Cotton Gin
34. The Underground Railroad
35. Harriet Tubman
36. Harriet Beecher Stowe & *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
37. Sojourner Truth

38. Abraham Lincoln: Childhood
39. Abraham Lincoln: From Teenager to President
40. Civil War: Overview & Geography
41. Civil War: The Confederation Succeeds / The Union Blockade
42. Civil War: Ulysses S. Grant
43. Civil War: Life at Home & Life as a Soldier
44. Clara Barton and the Red Cross
45. Civil War: The Battle of Gettysburg & The Gettysburg Address
46. Civil War: The End of the War / Emancipation Proclamation / Reconstruction
47. Booker T. Washington

**7–12 Grade Student Explorers:** William Pitt (1708–1778), 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 4: Post World War II / History of Canada*

48. African-American Civil Rights Movement: Part 1
49. African-American Civil Rights Movement: Part 2
50. Women's Suffrage
51. Mahatma Gandhi
52. Mother Teresa
53. Technology Boom
54. Space Travel in the 1900s: Man Walks on the Moon / Space Shuttle Challenger
55. September 11 Attacks (2001) and the Iraq War (2003)
56. Hurricane Katrina (2005)
57. History of Canada Part I
58. History of Canada Part 2
59. Closing Unit

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



# United States Constitution & Government

The following topics, and more, will be covered.

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. George Washington as President
13. John and Abigail Adams
14. The Party System
15. Maintaining Liberty—Electing Virtuous Leaders; Protecting Equal Rights Rather Than Providing Equal Things; Fostering Strong Families; Avoiding Debt
16. A Key to Prosperity: A Free-Market Economy with Minimal Government Regulations
17. The Original Duties of the Federal Government and How They Have Multiplied and Changed
18. The Different Branches of the Military: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves
19. Elections in the United States
20. Two-Party System
21. Electoral College/Running for Office
22. Shays' Rebellion
23. The Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
24. Federalists and Anti-Federalists
25. Virginia Plan
26. New Jersey Plan
27. Great Compromise
28. Three-Fifths Compromise
29. Anglo-Saxon Hengist and Horsa
30. The Constitution and Current Events