



Modern Times History
Schedule
(1820 to Present)

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Welcome to Easy Classical! Thank you for choosing us to help you home school. Whether you are brand new to homeschooling or have been homeschooling for many years, we hope that you will find Easy Classical daily schedules to be a great help.

How do I get started? Included in your packet is an “Instruction Sheet” (which explains how to use the schedule), an “Icon Sheet” (which lists the meanings of the icons placed in your schedule), 36 week-long, day-by-day schedules, and various forms and helps that can be photocopied for use with your child.

The instruction sheet lists the subjects in bold. Under each heading is the particular book or curriculum that is recommended for use in this subject. After each recommendation are general directions for each subject. This will guide you in your daily use of the schedules.

The framework of these schedules is structured around the recommendations of Susan Wise Bauer’s book *The Well-trained Mind: a Guide to Classical Education at Home*. Read this book for an excellent foundation on which to base your child’s schooling. It will also clarify how to use the sheets and helps that we have provided in your packet.

We pray that God would use our schedules to enhance the learning of your child, and that He will give you extra time during the year to spend with your spouse, your family, and your friends.



Modern Times History

Expanding the United States

- Week 1: James Monroe
- Week 2: First Industrial Revolution
- Week 3: Transportation in America
- Week 4: Andrew Jackson and Democracy
- Week 5: Abolitionism
- Week 6: Indian Removal Act of 1830
- Week 7: War with Mexico/Texas Becomes a State
- Week 8: Trails Leading West
- Week 9: Forty-niners and the California Gold Rush

The War Between the States

- Week 10: the Two Harriets
- Week 11: Abraham Lincoln
- Week 12: War Between the States
- Week 13: Battle of Gettysburg
- Week 14: Generals of the Civil War
- Week 15: The End of the War
- Week 16: Reconstructing the South
- Week 17: Black Leadership in the South

Western Lands and New Conquests

- Week 18: Transcontinental Railroad and the Second Industrial Revolution
- Week 19: Cowboys and the West
- Week 20: The Last of the Indian Lands
- Week 21: Spanish-American War.
- Week 22: Teddy Roosevelt
- Week 23: Immigration to America Island
- Week 24: Inventions at the Turn of the Century

World Conflicts

- Week 25: World War I
- Week 26: Women's Suffrage 19th Amendment
- Week 27: The Great Depression
- Week 28: Holocaust
- Week 29: World War II

Communism

- Week 30: Russia and Communism
- Week 31: Communism Hysteria and Korea
- Week 32: The Vietnam War
- Week 33: Space Race
- Week 34: The Civil Rights Movement
- Week 35: End of the Cold War and Communism
- Week 36: Modern History in Review



Easy Classical Icons for History

These icons are in your daily schedules to remind you of tasks to accomplish during the day.



This icon reminds you to complete the geography lesson.



This icon reminds you to complete the history summary.



This icon reminds you to sing the history songs.



This icon reminds you to complete the history narration.



Instruction Sheet

Directions: Prior to beginning the year, read *The Well-trained Mind: a Guide to Classical Education at Home* by Susan Wise Bauer. Read the section entitled “The Grammar Stage.” This will give you a framework in which to base this year’s schooling. Use the suggestions in the “How to Do It” section in language arts, history, and science chapters to set up notebooks for your child. Our family has also used notebooks like for Latin, art, and math as well. After you have an understanding of the classical method of education begin looking through the enclosed materials. Please keep in mind that you will not be able to do EVERY assignment EVERY week. That is OK! Unexpected things happen to all of us, and if you need to skip an occasional assignment, feel free. This year is especially jammed packed with a variety of projects, and lessons. Feel free to choose the project that best suits your child. If he is a kinesthetic learner do more of the hands on projects, if your child is more of a visual learner use as many pictures and map projects to aid in learning. If she is an auditory learner make sure you do most of the reading that is scheduled. There is a variety of projects placed in the schedule to give you flexibility and choices.

With these thoughts in mind, open to “Week 1-Schedule”. Write the date in the top left hand corner of the sheet. Look across each row. Under the days of the week you will notice the rows highlighted in blue. The blue rows are the subject headings. The rows under the blue rows are the books and assignments for the week. Look down each column. The first column lists each book scheduled during the week. At the top of the second column is Monday. If you scan down the Monday column you will see the assignments scheduled for the day. Check off each assignment as you complete them. Move to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and then Friday as you complete the tasks during the week. This will give you and your child a sense of accomplishment as well as help you keep track of what you need to finish. You can be confident that you are accomplishing enough each day that you will reach your goals by the end of the year!



Below is a description of how to use each of the books to optimize your child's learning.

History/Geography:

"Modern Times" continues the formal study of history, which began with Old Testament and Ancient Egypt. This cycle repeats again in seventh through twelfth grades. This first cycle serves as an introduction to history, and should focus on providing a foundation or a building block for future studies in history. A combination of Veritas Press' History cards, H.A. Guerber's History series, Joy Hakim's A History of US series and Story of the World history volumes is used to guide the year.

Generally on Monday a new topic is introduced by reading the selections scheduled. Comprehension questions, included on the schedule, help to test the understanding of the student. Review all material not understood by the child. Use the Writing with History writing guide for information on how to write the history summary. The writing guide breaks the lesson up into three days, which helps with short attention spans. If your child has a good attention span the writing assignment can be completed in one or two days. A copywork assignment is scheduled three days during the week. The work the child will copy coincides with the history topic being studied. Not only does it introduce the child to a variety of writing styles, but it also gives the child handwriting practice.

Geography:

The Geography with History guide provides lessons and projects that covers geographical information on the history topic you are studying.

Read Aloud Books:

-Most of the books scheduled this year coincide with the history topic being studying. One short book, or chapter is scheduled each day. The books chosen are recommended by Susan Wise Bauer, Veritas Press and other Classical homeschool sites. Also these books have been tested with my children who love to read them and love to listen to them being read. You may substitute a book of your choosing any time. This is a start and a way to keep you reading to your kids.

-Several narration summaries on the books you will be reading this year are included in the Writing with History writing guide. This guide gives you detailed instructions on how to complete a reading narration.

