

TAPESTRY of GRACE

Your guide for the homeschool journey.



TAPESTRY OF GRACE

is a plan of study that helps parents provide a Christian, classical education using a guided unit-study approach, with the history of the world as the core organizational theme. Students in Grades K-12 cycle through world history every four years, with all ages studying the same slice of history each week, each at their own learning level. Detailed assignments and discussion outlines enable parents to become their children's primary teachers and mentors by shaping their biblical worldview.

Explore the content of *Tapestry*.

Where are you on the homeschool journey? The Map of the Humanities shows you how, by following the main highway of history, you can enjoy the panorama of cultures through the ages as you and your children journey together.

See the structure of *Tapestry*.

Learn about the 3 big ideas behind this award-winning program and walk through an average week. These pages introduce the philosophy and layout of *Tapestry*. For a more in-depth look, go online or contact us for free samples.



GRACE
YEAR 3
THE 19TH
CENTURY

TAPESTRY
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YEAR 2
BETWEEN
ANCIENT &
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YEAR 1
THE HISTORY
OF REDEMPTION

LEGEND

- HISTORY AD
- CHURCH HISTORY
- LITERATURE
- PHILOSOPHY
- GOVERNMENT
- ART HISTORY

Map of the Humanities
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to find your guide for the journey of home schooling.



One plan for your whole journey.

Tapestry maps the humanities: history, literature, geography, church history, fine arts & activities, government, philosophy, and writing composition. Not included are a phonics program, science, math, grammar, spelling, or foreign language. Week to week, **Tapestry integrates subjects** — people, events, and movements are studied in the time period in which they were most influential.

Lessons are presented from varying modalities: **visual, auditory, and tactile**. All students follow a unique process, which we summarize as “**Read—Think—Write**.” Students read at their level from carefully selected resources, think about what they read with you, and then write from their reading and thinking for further reinforcement. For younger children, a variety of hands-on ideas are also supplied each week to enrich learning.

With *Tapestry* plans, there’s more than enough material so that you can **choose the best route for your unique family** as you make the journey of homeschooling together!

The three big ideas of *Tapestry*

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Idea #1: Cyclical Education

Cyclical education means using the 12 years of education to their fullest, revisiting eras of history multiple times as your students mature, so that they can learn more each time.

Everything you want to study happened somewhere between Creation and the present day, **so history is the main highway of your homeschooling journey**. *Tapestry* divides history into four sections that your whole family can study in a single school year. These are called “year plans.”

In Year 1 of *Tapestry*, your family studies ancient Egypt. A young student will learn basic facts. As you continue studying history, your child will keep a mental picture of Egypt. And over the four school years, he will build up **a vocabulary of basic knowledge** about everything from Egypt to 9/11—and beyond.

After journeying through the whole history of the world, your family will cycle back to Year 1. Your young child will be older, and he will not only remember information from his first time studying Egypt, but he will also be ready to make connections and learn more facts this time around. Revisiting the same era of history multiple times allows for **deeper understanding each time** and adds enjoyment to any area of study!

2

Idea #2: Integrated Approach

An **integrated approach** means that kids study concurrent topics in different school subjects and with different learning styles, but all in a related way. Since their interest is held, they tend to retain what they learn longer as different disciplines inform and strengthen one another

Using this proven method, **core assignments** in history, literature, geography, and fine arts are all interrelated. A student might study ancient Rome, the *Aeneid*, Italian geography, and mosaics at the same time, for example. **Related electives** are also offered for upper-level students in government, philosophy, and Bible survey/church history (the last is also included for lower-level students in many weeks).

Not only are the subject matters of these different disciplines related to one another, but **Tapestry also offers a variety of approaches to the week's one topic** — visual, auditory, and tactile. Week by week, you choose each child's approach to the topic, and how many ways he will approach it.

Older students especially benefit from integrated writing. Their **analytical skills are strengthened** as they read, discuss what they have read, and then write about what they have read and discussed. Seeing these interwoven subjects both up close as well as in the big picture shapes students' worldview and builds their faith — and yours!

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Idea #3: Multilevel Learning

Multilevel learning makes *Tapestry* the right fit for families of all sizes because all of your children learn together. Though they study differently, and on different levels, they can all focus on the same main topics and thus learn together.

Tapestry works on **four learning levels**

- **Lower Grammar:** non-readers who love facts (grades K–3)¹
- **Upper Grammar:** independent readers who love facts (4–6)
- **Dialectic:** students who connect & discuss (6–9)
- **Rhetoric:** students who analyze and synthesize ideas (9–12)

Other curricula that have each of your students studying separate topics divide students and hinder your ability to teach. *Tapestry* offers K–Mom education, providing weekly Teacher's Notes that allow you to read in summary what your children are learning in detail. Finally, **you can stop merely administrating your homeschool** and start being your children's *teacher*.

Though the learning levels differ, because you are all on one topic each week, a wonderful **family conversation** develops as you learn together. Even Dad can be included with the use of the *Pop Quiz*² audio summary and question card sets that will get him up to speed on each week's topic.

¹ Grade levels and learning levels don't fully correlate, and vary from child to child.

² Available separately from Lampstand Press.

The structure of *Tapestry*

4 YEAR-PLANS take your family through all of recorded human history in a 4-year cycle, meaning that in a 12-year education, all of history is surveyed 3 times, at higher and higher levels of understanding.



4 UNITS make up each year-plan. Units divide the year's work into quarters. *Tapestry* is sold by the unit so you can begin it wherever you finished another program. Included with your units is the *Loom*, a collection of documents that are helpful all year long.



9 WEEK-PLANS make up most *Tapestry* units (some have 8 or 10). Week-plans contain the assignments, class plans, and background reading that your family will use to home-school week to week.



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TEACHING OBJECTIVE: CORE SUBJECTS		
Reading History Teacher's Notes: pg. 26-40		
1	Study the early histories of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Learn about the founders of Pennsylvania, William Penn. Read about Quakers and how some have information about their beliefs.	
2	Study the early histories of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Learn about the founders of Pennsylvania, William Penn. Read about the desire to worship freely versus reasons for the founding of Pennsylvania. Introduce James 1st and the Charter of Privileges.	
3	Learn about the founding of the Quaker colony, Pennsylvania. Because this colony originally included land that Quakers believed in, learn about the founding of Quakers. Learn how Quakers and English shared their faithfulness to Quaker Great Britain during Quaker's origin. How has this faith been represented in a flag?	
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Writing Assignment Charts pg. 18-20		
Reading assignments are based on the Writing Assignment Charts and this week plan. Make sure your child writes on every page!		
Teachers should provide writing help on their choice of writing handbook each week for additional help in teaching the week's assignment.		
Weekly Overview Teacher's Notes: pg. 41-52		
Teachers will find background information, discussion topics, and answer student questions or questions in the Student's Handbook. Reading assignments are based on the weekly overview assignments.		
Optimal worksheets for dialectic, upper grammar, and lower grammar students are based on the Student Activity Pages.		

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Threads provide your index and goals for the week ahead.

- Threads are **divided by subject**, so you can quickly see your goals for each discipline.
- Colors on the left show learning levels:** red for lower grammar, yellow for upper grammar, green for dialectic, and blue for rhetoric.

Reading Assignment Charts show you the week's readings for all four levels at a glance.

- Note the color at the bottom of each column, indicating the **learning level**.
- Reading assignments are divided into rows by **subject**.
- Use only the rows and columns that relate to your **choices** for students in your unique family.

Teacher's Notes are your next stop each week.

- Background information** gives you in summary what your children are learning in detail.
- Discussion outlines** for dialectic and rhetoric students help you to bring biblical analysis to history, literature, and church history, and optionally, to government and philosophy for rhetoric students only.
- Teacher's Notes enable you to be a **knowledgeable teacher** for your kids.

Weekly Overview Charts summarize all suggested approaches (besides readings) to the weekly topic.

- These charts include vocabulary, time line dates, craft ideas for groups or individual students, and summaries of geography and history topics.
- Older students read** these pages so that they can participate in choosing their week's activities, with your guidance.

Week	Class	Instruction on Dates
9	Spoken Writing (Week 1 of 4)	Write a paragraph about the early history of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Learn about the founders of Pennsylvania, William Penn. Read about Quakers and how some have information about their beliefs.
10	Spoken Writing (Week 2 of 4)	Write a paragraph about the early history of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Learn about the founders of Pennsylvania, William Penn. Read about Quakers and how some have information about their beliefs.
11	Spoken Writing (Week 3 of 4)	Write a paragraph about the early history of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Learn about the founders of Pennsylvania, William Penn. Read about Quakers and how some have information about their beliefs.
12	Spoken Writing (Week 4 of 4)	Write a paragraph about the early history of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Learn about the founders of Pennsylvania, William Penn. Read about Quakers and how some have information about their beliefs.

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Writing Assignment Charts give you specific genres and topics each week for 12 levels of writing competency.

- From unit to unit, you can **adjust assignments** either up or down a level depending on your student's unique writing skills.
- For extra support, you can use **Writing Aids** (sold separately) — a custom-designed handbook that assists you and your students in completing all writing assignments.

Student Activity Pages offer each student a variety of level-specific activities.

- For grammar and dialectic students there are **work pages** that reinforce literature readings, as well as **ideas for hands-on projects**.
- Questions** prepare dialectic and rhetoric students for **discussions with you** in history, literature, and church history. Additional questions for government and philosophy are available to rhetoric students.

Pageant of Philosophy are an elective for rhetoric students.

- This entertaining series of skits lead students through the **history and ideas of world philosophy**.
- In the context of their history studies, students meet a new famous philosopher most weeks.
- Discussion outlines help you lead your child in **analyzing philosophical arguments biblically**.

Supplements don't appear every week, but when they do, they contain extra materials we think you'll find helpful, such as:

- Craft or event instructions** for optional activities
- Detailed information** on literature or worldview topics
- Short articles** pertaining to the weekly subject matter

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A worthwhile destination

- ☞ Become the primary mentor for your children again!
- ☞ Help your children become skilled apologists for Christ.
- ☞ Cultivate motivated, life-long learners who know how to think well and analyze worldviews and events with biblical perspective.
- ☞ Prepare your children well for life at college or in virtually any vocation.
- ☞ Grow as a teacher! With each rotation through world history, you become a more confident and excellent instructor.
- ☞ Involve busy dads in the content of their children's day to day studies with *Pop Quiz* — a unique way to draw Dad into the fun!
- ☞ *Tapestry* is a bargain. We invite you to compare real costs with any program out there — subject for subject. We think you'll agree that *Tapestry* is a great deal for homeschoolers, and only more so for larger families!
- ☞ Provide your students with an excellent classical education that is biblically informed while having fun, building memories, and enjoying family unity without losing your sanity.

Free 3-week samples online



Explore history through *Tapestry of Grace*, and vice versa! These free 3-week samples serve as a *Tapestry* tutorial.

Go to Egypt: Weeks 1–3 of *Tapestry* Year 1

Sail to the New World: Weeks 20–22 of *Tapestry* Year 2



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