

# The Loom: Year 1 Course Descriptions for Rhetoric<sup>1</sup>

## **History of the Ancient World**

This world history course covers the time frame from creation to the fall of Rome. Attention is given to the ancient cultures of Babylon, Egypt, Israel, India, China, and the Americas. The organizing principle of this course is following the thread of biblical history. Students survey the Bible and then read about the history of ancient cultures that surrounded Israel. Students will earn one full credit upon completion of reading assignments and discussion participation.

## **Ancient Literature**

This literature course includes excerpts from works of the ancient cultures of Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, the Americas, Greece, and Rome. Assignments from translations of Egyptian poetry, *Iliad*, the *Odyssey*, *Agamemnon*, *Eumenides*, *Medea*, *Oedipus the King*, *Antigone*, and the *Aenid* are also included. Another major component of this course is learning about the Bible as literature. Students will earn one full credit upon completion of reading assignments and discussion participation.

## **Ancient Government Studies**

This government course involves learning about biblical government, the views of Confucius, Lycurgus, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, and Augustine. Students will learn and discuss how these affect the world in which we live. Students will earn one-half credit upon completion of reading assignments and discussion participation.

## **Philosophy of the Ancient World**

This philosophy course includes reading and discussing the words and viewpoints of Job, Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Confucius, David, Solomon, Ezra, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Diogenes, Epicurus, Lucretius, Epicurus, Paul, Marcus Aurelius, and Augustine of Hippo. Other lesser-known philosophers and some works not listed are also read and discussed. Students will earn one-half credit upon completion of reading assignments and discussion participation.

## **Bible Survey**

This Bible course is a survey beginning with the books of Moses, and continuing through the birth of the early church and Acts of the Apostles. The purpose of the study is to show students that the Bible constitutes one message from start to finish: that Jesus Christ is the meaning of and purpose for God's plan of redemption. Students will earn one credit upon completion of reading assignments and discussion participation.

<sup>1</sup> See the associated "credits" document for more details about tailoring course contents to credits earned, including information about credits that can be accumulated over the course of more than one year-plan.