

The Loom: Year 4 Course Description for Rhetoric

Western Civilization 4

This world history course begins with U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt and continues through the most recent president, covering major events of the 1900's and early 2000's. Students will focus on and follow developments relating to World War I, the Roaring Twenties, the Depression, the rise of Totalitarianism, World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict, and the Gulf War. Countries surveyed include Germany, Italy, Japan, Israel, India, China, and Africa. Changes in the family structure, medical advancements, the Space Race, and other revolutionary topics will be explored. Students will earn one full credit upon completion of this course. (Another credit option: ½ credit in U.S. History and ½ credit in World History)

Classic Literature of the World

In Year 4, classic works including *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *The Cherry Orchard*, *Animal Farm*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Great Gatsby*, and others are read and studied. Students will enjoy shorter works from authors such as Sarah Orne Jewett, Willa Cather, Stephen Crane, Jack London, and Henry James, as well as the work of poets such as W.B. Yeats and Robert Frost. Besides learning to use tools of literary analysis, this course ties into the student's historical and worldview studies so that both are enhanced. Students will earn one full credit upon completion of this course. (Another credit option: ¾ credit in American Literature and ¼ credit in World Literature)

Government Studies IV

This elective government course includes the study of key U.S. government documents and Supreme Court decisions throughout the 1900's. Students will earn ½ credit upon completion of this course.

Twentieth-Century Philosophy

This elective philosophy course includes reading and discussing the words and viewpoints of Einstein, Dewey, Orr, Freud, and others. Students will earn ½ credit upon completion of this course.

Church History: the 1900's

This church history elective follows the developments within orthodox Christianity in the 1900's in American and in Europe. Of special interest are the many biographies of great missionaries and Christian workers who shaped the church during this century. Also introduced are weakening influences on the church that challenged biblical orthodoxy. Students will earn ½ credit upon completion of this course.

NOTE: 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.