

Middle School Core Curriculum – History, Literature and Math 2009-2010

Core (Required) History Resources: all year

Oxford First Ancient History

Roy Burrell

The Usborne Encyclopedia of World Religions

ISBN 978079451059-6 (Internet linked)

Augustus Caesar's World

Genevieve Foster

Timelines (available for purchase @ SLOCA) – you are free to use SLOCA's timelines, or purchase your own wall or book format timeline, but timelines will be required.

Trimester 1

DATES: 3000 B.C. – 1000 B.C.

ERA: Dawn of Civilization

THEMES: Civilizations Begin on Rivers
Beginning of World Philosophy and Religions
Beginning of Trade and Trade Routes
Literary Traditions of Oral History, Myth and Legends
Beginnings of Law and Government

Core (Required) History Resources: this and later trimesters

Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt

Elizabeth Payne

Famous Men of Greece

John Haaren

Middle School Literature

Gilgamesh the Hero

Geraldine McCaughrean

The Golden Goblet

Eloise McGraw

Black Ships before Troy

Rosemary Sutcliff

The Bible (excerpts from)

Trimester 2

DATES: 999 B.C. – 200 B.C.

ERA: Classical Period

THEMES: Beginnings of Law and Government
Beginning of World Religions and Philosophy
Beginning of Trade and Trade Routes
Beginning of Scientific Method
Literary Traditions of Oral History, Myth and Legends

Core (Required) History Resources: this and later trimesters

Famous Men of Rome
John Haaren

Archimedes and the Door of Science
Jeanne Bendick

Middle School Literature

The Wanderings of Odysseus
Rosemary Sutcliff

In Search of a Homeland
Rosemary Sutcliff

The Golden Fleece
Padraic Colum

Trimester 3

Dates: 199 B.C. – 476 A.D.

ERA: Age of Empires

THEMES: Beginnings of Law and Government
Beginning of World Religions and Philosophy
Beginning of Trade and Trade Routes
Literary Traditions of Oral History, Myth and Legends

Core (Required) History Resources this trimester

Galen and the Gateway to Medicine
Jeanne Bendick

Middle School Literature

Julius Caesar
William Shakespeare
Oxford School of Shakespeare edition, edited by Roma Gill

The Bronze Bow
Elizabeth George Speare

The Bible (excerpts from)

Math – students will be assessed and placed in the Fall

Chalkdust Math Text & Solutions manual – required
(prices vary depending upon new or used condition – school will purchase at end of year depending upon condition as well.)