

Exploring Homeschooling Methods

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MORE STRUCTURED TEACHING METHODS

Strengths: Ready for test, No “gaps”

Weaknesses: ♦Limits flexibility for individualized levels, pace, and learning styles
♦Less multi-age work ♦Very curriculum directed

Virtual Academy/Distance Learning – “Public School at Home”

Textbook/Workbook “Traditional”

Familiar Curricula:

- Abeka
- Bob Jones University Press
- [Christian Liberty Press](#)
- Rod & Staff

Paces Style Curricula:

- Accelerated Christian Education (ACE)
- Alpha Omega LIFEPAK
- Christian Light Education

Subject Specific Curricula:

- [Easy Grammar](#) – Wanda C Phillips
- [Saxon Math](#) – John Saxon

Technology-Related/Correspondence

Video Courses, Schools:

- Abeka, Alpha Omega Academy
- BJU satellite network

Computer-Based independent Study:

- Alpha Omega Switched-On Schoolhouse (CD-ROM) or Monarch (Online)

Satellite Schools:

- Christian Liberty Academy
- Freedom Project
- School of Tomorrow
- Sycamore Tree

Strengths: ♦Avoid gaps ♦Sequential ♦Planned

Weaknesses: ♦Divides family ♦Can hinder pace ♦Doesn't fit all learning styles

Classical Education “Trivium”

Intellectual focus (Training the mind)
Incorporates Logic and Latin

Trivium (Three stages of Learning)

- **Grammar** (primary years) – Absorbing concrete basic facts, knowledge and memorization
- **Dialectic** (middle years) – Logic and analysis, understanding interdisciplinary relationships
- **Rhetoric** (high school) – Written and spoken expression, turning knowledge into wisdom

- [Mystery of History](#) – Linda Hobar

- Classical Conversations Co-ops
- [Well Trained Mind](#) – Susan Wise Bauer
www.welltrainedmind.com
- Christine Miller
<http://biblicalhomeschooling.org/classical/>

- [Story of the World](#) – Susan Wise Bauer

Strengths: ♦Learn to think ♦Solid educational foundation

Weaknesses: ♦Can be intimidating for teacher

~ Underlined resources are available from Heppner's Legacy ~

LESS STRUCTURED TEACHING METHODS

Strengths: ♦Allows for individual styles ♦Multiple ages learn together
Weaknesses: ♦Fear of “gaps” ♦Harder for Type “A” moms ♦More prep
♦Trying to do too much and getting bogged down

Resources for Less Structured Methods:

- [For the Children’s Sake](#)
– Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
- [So You’re Thinking About Homeschooling](#)
– Lisa Whelchel
- [Things We Wish We’d Known](#)
– Bill & Diana Waring
- [Teaching from Rest](#) – Sarah Mackenzie
- [Homeschool Bravely](#) – Jamie Erickson
- [Three R’s](#) – Ruth Beechick
- [You Can Teach Your Child Successfully](#)
– Ruth Beechick
- [8 Great Smarts](#) – Kathy Koch
- [8 Great Smarts for Homeschoolers](#)
– Tina Hollenbeck

Unit Studies “Integrated Subject Learning”

Unit Study Curricula:

- [Around the World with Picture Books](#)
– Rea Berg
- [Cantering the Country](#) or
[Gallop the Globe](#) – Loree Pettie
- [Five in a Row](#) – Mary Lambert
- [Prairie Primer](#) – Margie Gray
- [Further Up & Further In](#) – Diane Pendergraft
- [History Revealed](#) – Diana Waring
- KONOS – Carole Thaxton & Jessica Hulcy
- [Lessons from History w/ The Art Part](#)
– Gail Schultz

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Weaknesses: ♦Some need more prep ♦Fear of “gaps”

Literature Approach “Whole Heart Learning”

Resources:

- [All Through the Ages](#) – Christine Miller
- [Learning Language Arts through Lit.](#)
– Debbie Strayer
- [Five in a Row](#) – Jane C Lambert
- Sonlight

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Unschooling “Relaxed Learning”

Strengths: ♦Completely flexible ♦Student directed

Weaknesses: ♦Difficult to define ♦Gaps ♦Hard to measure/prove learning

♦Often based on humanistic premises

Charlotte Mason “Love of Learning”

Resources:

- Simply Charlotte Mason
- [When Children Love to Learn](#)
– Elaine Cooper
- [Story Starters](#) – Karen Andreola
- [Five in a Row](#) – Jane C Lambert

Strengths: ♦Multiple ages ♦Learning styles & subjects together ♦Student directed

♦Learning based on “Living books” ♦Produces life-long learners

Weaknesses: ♦Lots of parental involvement ♦Can feel outdated ♦Experiential learning can be more work

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