

## Summary of Popular Teaching Approaches

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TRADITIONAL TEXTBOOK APPROACH	CLASSICAL APPROACH
<p><u>Characteristics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text-based</li> <li>Reading material followed by questions &amp; tests</li> <li>Provides teacher's guide and lesson plans</li> <li>Easy to grade</li> <li>Some companies offer computer based programs</li> </ul> <p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less planning on teacher's part</li> <li>Easy to chart scores</li> <li>Usually has built in tests</li> </ul> <p><u>Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less freedom for creativity</li> <li>More general, may be less depth</li> <li>Some children need more of a hands-on approach</li> <li>Temptation to learn for the test rather than mastery</li> </ul>	<p><u>Characteristics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the Trivium</li> <li>*Grammar stage: ages 4-11</li> <li>*Dialectic stage: ages 11-14</li> <li>*Rhetoric stage: ages 14-16</li> <li>Academically rigorous</li> <li>Challenging reading program</li> </ul> <p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on stages of mental development</li> <li>Produces independent learners</li> <li>Focuses on logic &amp; thinking skills</li> <li>Co-ops available based on this approach</li> </ul> <p><u>Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong emphasis on classical literature ancient disciplines</li> <li>May be difficult for struggling learners</li> </ul>
UNIT STUDY APPROACH	CHARLOTTE MASON/LITERATURE APPROACH
<p><u>Characteristics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One main theme - used to study all subjects</li> <li>Typically offers hands-on activities</li> <li>Focuses on discovery learning</li> <li>Multi-sensory learning;</li> <li>Much of study material comes from reading books</li> </ul> <p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gives opportunity for greater depth of study</li> <li>Gives opportunity for greater understanding of main topic</li> <li>Children retain material well due to integrated study</li> <li>Helpful for teaching multiple grade levels</li> <li>Works well for all learning styles</li> </ul> <p><u>Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More planning may be required by teacher</li> <li>Harder to evaluate work (very few tests)</li> <li>More challenging to cover all subjects well</li> </ul>	<p><u>Characteristics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children learn best from real life</li> <li>Children need time to play and create</li> <li>Emphasizes art, music and poetry</li> <li>Emphasizes nature study, Bible, hands-on learning</li> <li>Language arts uses narration, dictation and copywork</li> <li>Much learning is based on reading 'living books'</li> </ul> <p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be used with multiple ages</li> <li>Works well with all learning styles</li> <li>Produces lifelong learners</li> <li>'Living books' are written by people passionate about topic</li> </ul> <p><u>Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somewhat difficult to evaluate progress in high school years</li> <li>More challenging to cover all subjects well</li> </ul>
ECLECTIC APPROACH	DELIGHT-DIRECTED LEARNING
<p><u>Characteristics</u></p> <p>This approach uses a combination of the various teaching approaches, and the educational program for each student is designed by the parents to meet the needs of the family and each individual student. Also known as the 'build-your-own' program</p> <p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fits the needs of the student and family best</li> <li>Curriculum is not all for one grade level</li> <li>Allows for variety and adapting to children's needs</li> <li>Especially good for struggling learners</li> <li>Some larger curricula sources provide this approach</li> <li>Can be a less expensive approach (buy used curricula)</li> </ul> <p><u>Considerations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Takes more time to research and choose curriculum</li> <li>You'll need to be sure you cover all subjects needed</li> </ul>	<p><u>Characteristics</u></p> <p>The child's delight is the spark that ignites everything. Once established, like a fire, it is self-sustaining. The student begins to study for his own personal satisfaction, and the fruits of his study begin to flow outward to others.</p> <p>~Gregg Harris "The Christian Homeschool"</p> <p>As children discover their interests, parents provide resources for them to learn more about that interest</p> <p><u>Advantages</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children can become experts in areas of interest</li> <li>Useful for a child who is burned out</li> <li>Use alongside any other curriculum or teaching approach</li> </ul> <p><u>Considerations</u></p> <p>NONE! As we encourage our children to explore their interests, we develop many other skills such as reading, research, writing, presenting, leadership. We also encourage a love for learning!</p>

TEXTBOOK	UNIT STUDY	CHARLOTTE MASON ~ LIVING BOOKS	CLASSICAL
Abeka Book (311) Accelerated Christian Education (359) Alpha Omega Publications (203) BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (101) Bookshark (141) Christian Liberty Press (111) Christian Light Education (246) Demme Learning- Math-U-See (259) My Father's World (265) Right Start Mathematics (330) Teaching Textbooks (303)	Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) My Father's World (265) Progeny Press (251) Sonlight Curriculum (123) YWAM Publishing (157)	Bookshark (141) Brinkman Adventures (402) Circle C Adventures (324) Felicitous Day Books (142) (2) Given Hoffman, LLC (407) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) Imagination Investigation (245) Jim Hodges Audio Books (423) Kris M. Cox (307) Lampighter Publishing (357) Minnetex U of M Wisconsin (135) Nest of Lydia (228) Passion Flower Studios (227) Progeny Press (251) Simply Charlotte Mason (461) Sonlight Curriculum (123) The Kingdom Series, Perfect Praise Pub. (243) Usborne Books & More (151) YWAM Publishing (157)	Classical Academic Press (337) Classical Conversations (426) My Father's World (202)
	<b>SCIENCE &amp; CREATIONISM</b>		<b>GEOGRAPY &amp; HISTORY</b>
<b>MATH</b>	Abeka Book (311) Accelerated Christian Education (359) Alpha Omega Publications (203) BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (101) Bookshark (141) ChemExplained.com (229) Christian Liberty Press (111) Christian Light Education (246) Classical Conversations (426) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) My Father's World (265) Nature's Workshop Plus (110) Sciexperience.com (458) Simply Charlotte Mason (461) Sonlight Curriculum (123) Usborne Books & More (151)		Abeka Book (311) Accelerated Christian Education (359) Alpha Omega Publications (203) Bookshark (141) BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (101) Christian Liberty Press (111) Christian Light Education (246) Circle C Adventures (324) Classical Conversations (426) Geology by Northwest Treasures (230) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) Jim Hodges Audio Books (423) My Father's World (265) Nest of Lydia (228) Notgrass Company (323) Simply Charlotte Mason (461) Sonlight Curriculum (123) Usborne Books & More (151) YWAM Publishing (157)
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<b>BIBLE ~ CHARACTER ~ WORLDVIEW</b>	ACR Homes (137) Army (163) Ambassador College of Bible & Ministry (209) Association Free Lutheran Bible School (335) Bethany Lutheran College (161) Bethel University (464) Bethlehem College and Seminary (129) Civil Air Patrol (211) Coding Foundations (233) Credits Before College (362) Crown College (408) Dordt College (260) DriveSafeRideSafe (427) Grand Canyon University (327) HSLDA Online Academy (215) Lumerit Unbound (430) Minnetex U of M Wisconsin (135) Nat'l Christian Forensics & Comm. (149) North Central University (231) Notgrass Company (323) Oak Hills Christian College (345) Patriotic Heritage Honor Guard (403) Pensacola Christian College (425) SSI LEAD (144) TeenPact Leadership Schools (360) TEL Library (249) The Medical Transcription Service (210) The Virtues Campus (444) Trinity Bible College & Graduate School (450) University of Northwestern - St. Paul (301) Village Schools of the Bible (133) Wheaton College (263) YWAM Publishing (157)	Abeka Book (311) Accelerated Christian Education (359) Alpha Omega Publications (203) BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (101) Bookshark (141) Christian Liberty Press (111) Christian Light Education (246) Classical Academic Press (337) Classical Conversations (426) Demme Learning- (259) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) Here to Help Learning (435) Institute for Excellence In Writing (409) My Father's World (265) Notgrass Company (323) Powerhouse Educational Resources (459) Progeny Press (251) Shiller Learning: Montessori at Home (131) Simply Charlotte Mason (461) Sonlight Curriculum (123) The Logic of English (235) The Works People (457)	Abeka Book (311) Accelerated Christian Education (359) Alpha Omega Publications (203) BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (101) Christian Liberty Press (111) Christian Light Education (246) Classical Academic Press (337) Classical Conversations (426) La Clase Divertida (The FUN Class) (417) Sonlight Curriculum (123)
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<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>	Costco Wholesale (405) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) Miller Pads and Paper (113) Usborne Books & More (151) YWAM Publishing (87)	Audio booth (312) Brinkman Adventures (402) Civil Air Patrol (211) Coding Foundations (233) Compassion International (445) Costco Wholesale (405) Covenant Eyes Internet Accountability (341) Emmanuel Christian Center (434) Family Quest Therapy (332) goFam Ministries (148) Grace Church (108) Imagination Investigation (245) JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Co., LLC (262) Knights of the 21st Century (208) Kowalski's Markets (146) Miller Pads and Paper (113) MN Citizens Concerned for Life (446) Nest of Lydia (228) Norwex (247) Presenter's booth (401) PURA Global Services (314) PUREFLIX (365) Samaritan Ministries International (225) Sweet IDEA Creations (141) (1) The Relationship Revolution (349) Thirty-One Gifts (331)	Abeka Book (311) Accelerated Christian Education (359) Alpha Omega Publications (203) BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (101) Bookshark (141) Children's Music Academy (462) Christian Liberty Press (111) Christian Light Education (246) Classical Conversations (426) Creating a Masterpiece (223) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) Miller Pads and Paper (113) Reign Dance Theater (415) Simply Charlotte Mason (461) Sonlight Curriculum (123) Spark Music Studio (234) The Schubert Club (442) Usborne Books & More (151)
Asso. Speech & Language Specialists (309) Brain Balance Achievement Center (329) Demme Learning- Math-U-See (259) Family Quest Therapy (332) HSLDA - for Struggling Learner (217) Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch (448) Kinuu (447) LearningRx (347) MN Learning Solutions (443) Right Start Mathematics (330) SPED Homeschool (404)	<b>TOYS, GAMES, VIDEOS, RESOURCES</b>		<b>HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT</b>
	Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (204) Imagination Investigation (245) JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Co., LLC (262) Miller Pads and Paper (113) Nature's Workshop Plus! (110) Nest of Lydia (228) PUREFLIX (365) Right Start Mathematics (330)		Family Quest Therapy (332) goFam Ministries (148) Heppner's Legacy HS Resources (100) HSLDA (217) Knights of the 21st Century (208) Kris M. Cox (307) SPED Homeschool (404) Support Group booth (333) Truth and Life Ministries (344)
			<b>CAMPS</b>
			Camp Nathanael (109) Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch (448) North Central Camp Cherith (343) Sweetwater Resort (147) The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries (441)