How does the *Veritas Press History Curriculum* Work?

Veritas Press' classical Christian curriculum teaches students history through a multi-sensory approach that uses colorful flashcards, engaging timeline memory songs, and effective teacher resources. The course is designed for a 32-week school year, with one week at the end of each quarter designated for review and testing.

The recommended History schedule is:
Grade K: Bede's History of ME
Grade 1: Bede's History of US
Grade 2: Old Testament & Ancient Egypt
Grade 3: New Testament, Greece & Rome
Grade 4: Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation
Grade 5: Explorers to 1815
Grade 6: 1815-Present

Each level (Grade 2 & up) includes history cards that feature a full-color photograph with a historic period/item on the front, and a short summary, date, and list of recommended resources on the back. Cards are color-coded so that the multiple series can be easily gathered together as needed; card numbers for the particular series are included along with card numbers that combine all Bible and history cards.

Cards are designed to be used with the Memory Song CDs. These usually feature a single track that covers major events, dates, places, and people chronologically. One track with vocals and one instrumental track are provided for each song.

There are four teacher's guide options: the homeschool (print) teacher's guide or the homeschool enhanced CD-ROM, and the school (print) teacher's guide or the school enhanced CD-ROM. The difference between the homeschool and school print guides is that the homeschool guide is a softcover and the school version is loose-leaf pages in a three-ring-binder; in addition, the print and CD-ROM versions of the school and homeschool versions differ in that the copyright allows homeschool teachers to make copies for their homeschool classes, and the school version allows teachers to make copies for their classrooms. The content is identical.

The teacher's manuals include student projects and worksheets that align with the cards and memory CD. Projects include background information and accounts to read along with fun projects. Worksheets provide reinforcement for remembering dates, names, and places. Tests provide an opportunity for assessment, and feature short-answer questions. Answers to all assignments other than essays are included in the back (line-listed format), including the writing exercises for cards. The appendix features a variety of reproducible blackline masters, history-based sentences in which students identify the different parts of speech, report forms, games, and more.

The enhanced teacher CD-ROMs include the memory song (also found on the memory CD) in addition to an electronic version of the Teacher's Manual (which includes a worksheet, at least one project, and a test for each card in that year's series) and a "how to" video which provides help and guidance. Enhanced materials are in Adobe Acrobat format and can be accessed on the CD-ROM of most Macintosh and Windows computers.

For each course, it's recommended that students read engaging works (often historical fiction) that complement the events that they're learning about; chapter questions are included in the teacher's manual for a variety of books. In addition, Veritas Press recommends a number of "Priority 1" materials—a collection of resources they feel is the most useful for each history level. This list is often the most cited reference on the cards or important for the overall study. These recommended book lists can be found in the PDF "Book List" attached to the description of the teacher's manuals or on the Veritas Press History Curriculum page.

Veritas Press Self-Paced Online History Courses

As an alternative to this printed, physically-based program, the Veritas Press Self-Paced Online History Courses offer homeschoolers a history course they can use to learn ANY time, ANY place, and at ANY pace! They teach the same content and follow the same recommended grade schedule as the text-based courses.

Courses cover 32 important historical events over the course of 160 class periods (5 lessons per event, each taking approximately 30-50 minutes). This dynamic curriculum features interactive teaching, including clever games, engaging video footage, and even a talking historic character, that will keep your child motivated and engaged throughout the entire year.

Students will also encounter tests, worksheets, reviews, songs, and other course content, all of which is graded by the course automatically--no need for parents to grade or teach! Progress reports and records are able to be viewed and printed by parents at any time.

Self-Paced History Courses will teach students to memorize names, dates, and places in a variety of ways in order to understand how God is working throughout history and today. Students will also learn foundational skills and concepts, such as mastering a chronological sequence or time-line of history, which is often needed in order to contextualize deeply in later years.

Self-Paced History Online Courses do not need to be taken in any particular order. Each is a full history course designed to take one year; it is not a supplement. This purchase does not include any physical component, simply the access code for the online curriculum. Courses are available to students for twelve months from time of enrollment. This course is fully contained, and while optional materials may be used with the course, none are required. If a parent wants each child to have recorded quiz and test grades, then a course purchase is necessary for each. If a parent is not concerned about grade reports, they can have multiple children use the same course access; the tests, worksheets and responses are kept for one individual student per registration.