



## Rainbow Resource - Your Ultimate Resource for Homeschooling Needs

<https://www.rainbowresource.com>

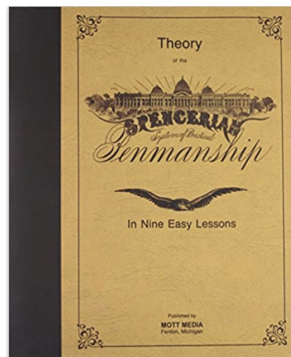
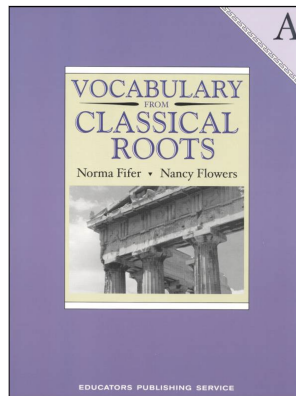


This website has **everything**: complete course curriculums, textbooks, teachers' workbooks, craft kits, science models, out-of-print texts, etc. They also have a forum on their website where you can connect with other homeschool parents to swap ideas and lesson plans.

For every subject, they offer individual books, or you can purchase a comprehensive package. For example, Saxon is a company that provides math courses. You can purchase the Saxon course for whichever grade you need, but you can also purchase individual supplemental texts. *Ray's Arithmetic* used to be the gold standard in the 1940s and 50s in American classrooms. They have recently come back into print, and can be bought individually or as an entire set.

You can browse the following subjects on the website:

- Language Arts
- Phonics
- Reading / Literature
- English, Writing, and Grammar
- Spelling / Vocabulary
- Handwriting
- Mathematics
- Science / Health / Nature
- Logic / Thinking Skills
- Bible / Devotion
- History
- Geography / Social Studies
- Arts and Crafts
- Music
- Foreign Language



## Complete Courses

There are quite a few companies that offer complete homeschool packages, sold by grade level. The top two for families intent on providing a classical education are Memoria Press and Great Books Academy.



**Memoria Press** - <https://www.memoriapress.com>

This company shines among the many homeschool options. They offer packages beginning in kindergarten all the way through 12th grade. They focus heavily on the classical elements of education, meaning Western civilization is the keystone. They emphasize Latin and Greek, medieval and Renaissance studies, Shakespeare, logic and rhetoric, and the arts. The packages cost between \$300-\$400, but get a bit more expensive for the higher grades.

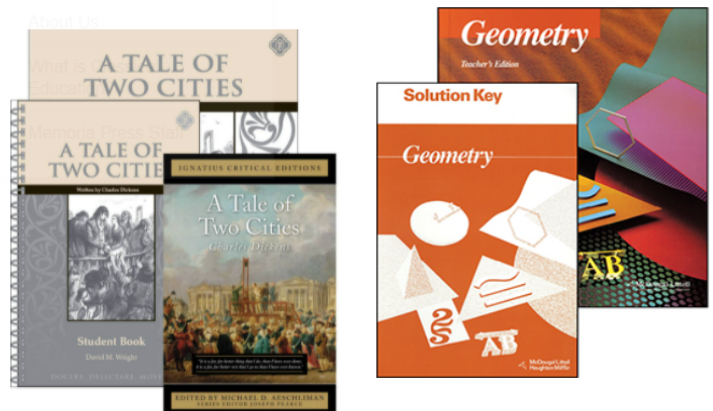
From their website:

*The liberal arts are the general linguistic and mathematical skills that enable a person to excel in every academic area—as well as in the practical activities of life. In classical and medieval times, there were thought to be seven of these arts or skills: grammar, logic, and rhetoric (the “trivium”), as well as arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music (the “quadrivium”). The first three were linguistic arts, and the last four were mathematical. We would probably say today that there are more than just the four mathematics skills worthy of mastery, but the liberal arts remain the greatest summary of the skills a person should be expected to know in order to be accounted an educated person.*

*Through the study of the greatest that has been thought and said by Western writers and thinkers, we pass our cultural heritage on to our children. Western civilization is made up of three elements: the Greeks, the Romans, and the Hebrews—and the coalescing of these three cultures into what later became known as Christendom, the Christian civilization that remained the dominant cultural force in the West until the early twentieth century. A familiarity with the Greeks, the Romans, and, most importantly, the Christian Bible is essential to understanding our culture.*

*The liberal arts are the “how” of education, and the study of Western culture is the “what.” A mastery of both of these is the best way to prepare a child, not only for college, but for life.*

Teachers’ materials are included with each subject. For example, for each book that is taught, there is an accompanying student and teacher manual. It is the same for math and science textbooks - so even if you yourself are not proficient in the subject, you will be able to guide your child through the course.





## Great Books Academy -

<https://greatbooksacademy.org/homeschool-program>

This is another homeschooling program that focuses on a classical approach to education, meaning the foundation is Western (Latin, Greek, medieval/Renaissance).

The difference with this program is that there is a great deal more online participation. The courses from Memoria Press can be conducted at home with your own children, while this program allows your children to engage in an online platform - if this is something that you desire. If not, the syllabus and course materials can be used on your own or as supplementation.

From their website:

### *Great Books Program General Topics by Category*

- *TRANSCENDENTAL: Beauty, Being, Good and Evil, Truth*
- *ETHICS: Beauty, Being, Courage, Desire, Duty, Equality, Good and Evil, Happiness, Honor Justice, Prudence, Temperance, Truth, Virtue and Vice, Wealth, Wisdom*
- *POLITICS: Aristocracy, Citizen, Constitution, Custom and Convention, Democracy, Equality, Family, Government, Justice, Labor, Liberty, Monarchy, Oligarchy, Progress, Punishment, Revolution, Slavery, State, Tyranny and Despotism, War and Peace*
- *LIBERAL ARTS: Definition, Dialectic, Hypothesis, Idea, Induction, Language, Logic Mathematics, Reasoning, Rhetoric*
- *METAPHYSICS: Angels, Being, Cause, Chance, Change, Equality, Eternity, Fate, Form, God, Infinity, Matter, Metaphysics, Nature, Necessity and Contingency, Quality, Quantity, Time*
- *ANTHROPOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY: Animal Desire, Emotion, Experience, Habit, Immortality, Judgment, Knowledge, Life and Death, Love, Man, Memory and Imagination, Mind, Opinion, Pleasure and Pain, Prophecy, Sense, Sign and Symbol, Soul, Will*
- *PHYSICS: Astronomy and Cosmology, Infinity, Mathematics, Matter, Mechanics, Nature, Quality, Quantity*
- *SUBJECTS: Art Education, Evolution, History, Language, Law, Logic, Mathematics, Mechanics, Medicine, Metaphysics, Philosophy, Physics, Poetry, Religion, Rhetoric, Science, Theology*

**Supplemental Materials:** The following are resources that can be used as supplements in the classroom to bolster the curriculum.



## The Great Courses - <https://www.thegreatcourses.com>

### Category



Economics & Finance



Food & Wine



Health, Fitness & Nutrition



History



Hobby & Leisure



Literature & Language



Mathematics



Music & Fine Arts



Philosophy & Religion



Professional & Personal  
Growth



Programs for Young Learners



Science



Travel

This company caters mostly to adults who want to engage in educational pursuits. They have thousands of courses, from science to economics to literature, and they range from board surveys to very specific. For example, there are over 200 courses on the medieval world alone!

The courses are all taught by professors that have achieved awards in their respective universities. Most of them are equivalent to an introductory college level class, but they do have courses for older children as well, such as geometry, algebra, physics, chemistry, western civilization, etc.

Each course comes with a supplement that contains all of the notes for each section. You can either purchase a DVD course with a booklet, or purchase a downloadable course that comes with a PDF.

Some of my favorite courses include:

*Introduction to Astronomy*

*History of European Art*

*Epic Literature - The Indian Ramayana*

*Beethoven's Piano Sonatas*

*Chemistry 101*

*Brahms: His Life and Music*

*Masters of Greek Thought*

<https://www.thegreatcourses.com/category/programs-for-young-learners>

Yesterday's Classics - <https://yesterdaysclassics.com/books>

# Yesterday's Classics

*"Your headquarters for the best classic literature for children, Yesterday's Classics offers a rich collection of books from a wide variety of genres, with special emphasis on history, literature, and natural history. While used extensively as school reading, Yesterday's Classics titles work equally well as independent reading, and family read-alouds."*

This is a company that publishes formerly out-of-print children's books. All of the books are wholesome and delightful, often including beautiful original illustrations.

Here is a list of the genres covered:

- Nature
- Science and Technology
- Faith
- Holiday Stories
- Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, and Fables
- Kindergarten
- Legends, Myths, and Hero Tales
- Language Arts
- Literature
- Poetry
- Art
- Music
- History
- Biography
- Geography
- Mathematics

