

Ancient Era

Term 1: Creation BC, Hebrews/Israelite

Family Read aloud and group texts

Exodus: A Commentary for Children and Numbers: A Commentary for Children by Nancy E. Ganz

On the Shores of the Great Sea Volume 1 by MB Synge

Bible

- *The Stuff They Left Behind: From the Days of Ancient Egypt* portfolio A collection of large full-color photographs of artifacts with leading thoughts and discussion questions.
- *Then and Now Bible Maps* from Rose Publishing An excellent geography resource used in three of our six history studies.

Grade 1-3:

- *The True Story of Noah's Ark* by Tom Dooley

Beautiful detailed illustrations and a flowing narrative make the account of Noah come to life.

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Grade 7-9:

Adam and His Kin by Ruth Beechick

Leviticus: A Commentary for Children by Nancy E. Ganz

Motel of the Mysteries by David Macaulay A humorous look at the guess-work that plays a part in archaeology

Grade 10-12:

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Term 2: Egypt

Family Read aloud and group texts

- *Ancient Egypt and Her Neighbours* by Lorene Lambert A fascinating narrative of life in Ancient Egypt intertwined with captivating stories of the other civilizations that existed alongside her—neighbours far and near
- *On the Shores of the Great Sea* Volume 1 by MB Synge
- *The Great Pyramid* by Elizabeth Mann A story of the Great Pyramid and the people who built it. Similar to David Macaulay's Pyramid, but shorter and not as much construction detail.
- *Material World and Hungry Planet: What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel
- *Pharaoh's Boat* by David Weitzman
Two stories in one: how and why the boat was made for Pharaoh Cheops, and how it was discovered and reconstructed in the 1950s. Fascinating detail woven into the story.
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- *Visits to Africa notebook* by Sonya Shafer (one for each student) Each Visits to . . . book guides your student to spend time exploring a continent or region through map work, living books, and the personal photographs and living travelogue contained in Material World and Hungry Planet: What the World Eats. Ideas are also included for additional activities.

Grade 1-3:

- *Boy of the Pyramids* by Ruth Fosdick Jones
A mystery set in Ancient Egypt and solved by a ten-year-old boy and his father. Our favorite Ancient Egypt book for the younger grades

Grade 4-6

- *The True Story of Noah's Ark* by Tom Dooley
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- *The Golden Goblet* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw Another classic mystery set in Ancient Egypt and written for children but with more twists and conflict than Boy of the Pyramids.
- *The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt* by Elizabeth Payne One of the few Landmark series books that continues to be in print. A conversational narrative of the main pharaohs who ruled Egypt.

Grade 7-9:

- *The Cat of Bubastes: A Tale of Ancient Egypt* by G. A. Henty Historical fiction by a master story-teller, written in 1888
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Grade 10-12:

- *Uarda* by Georg Ebers A historical fiction written in the late 1800s that makes the political and personal aspects of Ancient Egypt come alive. Extensive footnotes document ideas and descriptions in the storyline.
- *Unwrapping the Pharaohs* by John Ashton and David Down
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Term 3: Greece

Family Read aloud and group texts

- *Material World and Hungry Planet: What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel
These two wonderful living geography books are used with our Visits to . . . books every year in all the grades
- *The Story of the Greeks* by H . A . Guerber, edited by Christine Miller (Nothing New Press edition)
A living narrative that weaves the story of Ancient Greece .
This edited version removes evolutionary comments and honours the Biblical accounts .
- *The Stuff They Left Behind: From the Days of Ancient Greece portfolio*
A collection of large full-colour photographs of artefacts with leading thoughts and discussion questions .
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- *Archimedes and the Door of Science* by Jeanne Bendick
- *Herodotus and the Road to History* by Jeanne Bendick These two living biographies are a wonderful introduction to a scientist and historian of Ancient Greece .

Grade 7-9:

- *Black Ships Before Troy* by Rosemary Sutcliff A narrative of the Trojan War by a master storyteller .
- *The Parthenon* by Elizabeth Mann This short, beautifully illustrated book gives a nice overview of Ancient Greece and the role of the Parthenon
- *The Wanderings of Odysseus* by Rosemary Sutcliff
- *A Young Macedonian in the Army of Alexander the Great* by Alfred Church

Grade 10-12:

- *The Odyssey* by Homer Literature from Ancient Greece translated into English. This epic poem recounts the fanciful and adventurous journey home from the Trojan War by one of the Greek warriors, Odysseus
- *Plutarch's Lives, biography of Alexander*, by Plutarch A biography of Alexander the Great written by a man who lived soon after
- *The Trial and Death of Socrates* by Plato Written by Socrates' pupil, Plato, this work examines the events through dialogue
- *A Victor of Salamis* by William Stearns Davis A historical fiction written in the late 1800s that makes the political and cultural aspects of Ancient Greece and Persia come alive .

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Term 4: Rome

Family Read aloud and group texts

- *City: A Story of Roman Planning and Construction* by David Macaulay In typical Macaulay style, the story of planning and constructing a fictional Roman city is presented and detailed with lots of illustrations. Fascinating for all ages.
- *Material World and Hungry Planet: What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel These two wonderful living geography books are used with our Visits to . . . books every year in all the grades.
- *The Roman Colosseum* by Elizabeth Mann An interesting introduction to the Colosseum; similar in style to David Macaulay's books but not as much detail.
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Grade 1-3:

- *Detectives in Togas* by Henry Winterfeld (if desired)
- *Mystery of the Roman Ransom* by Henry Winterfeld (if desired)

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- *Mystery of the Roman Ransom* by Henry Winterfeld
- *Galen and the Gateway to Medicine* by Jeanne Bendick A wonderful introduction to this scientist of Ancient Rome.

Grade 7-9:

- *Augustus Caesar's World* by Genevieve Foster Though the author does a wonderful job giving a sense of all that was happening in the world during Augustus Caesar's lifetime, she does present all of the religious beliefs as equal. If your child is able to discern as he or she reads, this book should prove valuable and provide good discussion material. If your child is not as grounded in truth, you may want to use the alternate books listed next.
- *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare A classic historical fiction that centers around life during the time of Christ and how one boy meets Jesus.

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- *Ben-Hur* by Lew Wallace A classic historical fiction set in the time of Christ.