

Course Description:

Dialectic History will focus on solidifying the facts and events covered in the history and geography portions of the Tapestry of Grace curriculum while encouraging the students to begin making connections. Reading on their own, preparing selected questions, class discussion, biography cards, timeline work, and some historical geography work will hopefully help your students to make connections between historical figures and events.

Students will be responsible to complete reading that you assign at home. The syllabus will give you direction as to the major topics we hope to cover each week. Much of Year 3 revolves around the administration of U.S. Presidents so that will be a thread that runs throughout the year. Students will be building a bank of biography cards centered around, but not exclusive to, the Presidents. In addition to reading, students may be expected to answer written questions, complete biography cards, timeline work, and geography work. This may vary from week to week as to what will be done at home and what will be covered in class.

There will be two opportunities for students to complete a special project/presentation. The first will be in Unit 1 and will center on South American countries and their struggle for independence. The second will be in Unit 3 and will cover battles of the Civil War.

Another goal of our class is to build practical skills for notetaking and organizing materials. Students will be asked to keep a notebook that will be reviewed by the teachers each week. Teachers will model notetaking in class during teaching and discussion. Students will be encouraged to take notes but those will not be evaluated in any way.

If, as your student's primary teacher, your family chooses not to participate in any portion of the assigned work, simply include a note in the front of the binder indicating that, and your student will not be held accountable for that work.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning together!

Required Materials:

- Binder (1" D ring or 1.5" round ring)
- Colored Pens or Pencils
- A Ruler
- Pencil, Eraser, and Notebook Paper

Materials Provided (as part of class fee):

- 5 tab dividers
- Biography Cards
- Timeline
- Maps