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This comprehensive, 8.5" x 11" curriculum guide and activity book contains map activities, coloring pages, games, projects, review questions, cross-references to illustrated encyclopedias, and extensive book lists. Children and parents love the activities, ranging from cooking projects to crafts, board games to science experiments, and puzzles to projects.

Each *Story of the World* Activity Book provides a full year of history study when combined with the Textbook, Audiobook, and Tests—each available separately to accompany each volume of *The Story of the World* Activity Book. **Activity Book 1 Grade Recommendation: Grades 1-5.**

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LeeAnn says

This activity guide goes with the textbook that accompanies it. It is tops for the activities and supplemental literature suggestions. The textbook is a valuable accompaniment for this activity guide because it is difficult to find literature for many of the ancient civilizations, let alone for children!

If your children enjoy hands-on activities, this guide is a must! It is designed as a year-long curriculum although it took us longer because we inserted some other works into the middle of it. I think this is created with 2nd or 3rd graders to 5th in mind although it can be expanded for older students. I expanded it.

There is cost associated with this curriculum because of the materials needed for the activities as well as for copies. Half the book is full of worksheets, etc. for using/copying. The author gives permission to make a copy for your family's use. The publisher now offers booklets with all the worksheets in it, probably saving you money in the long run (and would be more convenient than running to your local copy center.)

Justin says

I enjoyed this book so much. It's written towards children. I listened to it on audio. A few times in the car my kids listened with me and really liked it. It's gives an account of human history, not only with facts but story. I learned things. I especially liked how the Bible was treated, as a historical narrative for the Jewish people through Abraham, and later on Jesus Christ. I loved the narrative of Roman history the most.

The only thing I did to like is the use of the term BCE/CE over the use of BC/AD instead.

Mirdza Abele says

Magnificent read...even for adults :)

Dkovlak says

I am always amazed by History writers. I don't understand how they get historically accurate information about events that happened decades ago, hundreds of years ago, and in this case, thousands of years ago.

I learned a lot about ancient civilization from this book. It is something that I wish I had read when I was a lot younger.

Julianne says

Great activities to make history come alive for children.

Nicole says

We listened to the audio books. This was fascinating for both the children and adults

Sagan says

(Review from Mom): My son is a 4YO who is interested in ancient history (and currently addicted to Percy Jackson books), so this review may not apply to you. He comes from a family of educators so his favorite game is "school", and older children might enjoy directed hands-on projects more.

He LOVES the main SOTW book! He loves taking the tests from the test book. This rating for the activity book is his choice and I agree with it. For his personality.

If your child is a hands-on learner who is inspired by big art projects, costumes, coloring and/or cooking, it's worth it to get this supplement. It will absolutely make your lesson planning easier and you'll have enough activities to spend a week per chapter.

If you have a hands-off child who views tests as post-reading trivia games s/he wants to "win", just get the test book and some related reading. The test book covers the same things as the review parts in the activity book.

There are a lot of coloring pages, but he hates coloring so we only use them for illustration while reading. He likes alternate alphabets so writing in cuneiform and hieroglyphs appealed to him, I expect it will be the same when we get to the Greek letters. He liked making Anansi/Ananse. He's made a few pyramids out of Lego. We sprouted some beans but I can't remember if we came up with that or it was one of the book's projects.

The other hands-on projects didn't interest him. He said they took too long and he wanted to read more of the stories instead. (Part of it might be he didn't like having to clean up.) In a few cases I think he wanted to be left alone with the art supplies without being told what to do. Some of the recipes we did, some we just read. He was more interested in pointing things out in the produce aisle and telling me who ate them. (Yay! Cheaper for me!)

The maps help a little and I can get him to put stickers where things take place, but I'm replacing them with a world scratch map so we can mark where we've "been" and see it in context.

The literature suggestions are outstanding and the most fun, at least for us, especially if you have a library with online ordering, but now I'm so adept at using the online ordering system I've kind of slacked off and just searched by keyword. I may take it out and suggest the occasional creative thing if he's interested, but

I'm probably not going to buy the activity book for the next in the series.

Disclosure: I marked it "read" but I did not read it cover to cover. I read it about halfway so I could prepare things in advance and looked at all the worksheets, but his boredom kicked in at about Chapter 14, so we'll probably stick to reading related books instead of hands-on projects-- unless something comes up that requires Lego.

Shannon says

11/09/09: Note to my Catholic buddies. The author is Protestant. In my opinion, she does an excellent job presenting a balanced, respectful look at history. I do not think she purposefully ignores or slants Catholic contributions to history, but we are not exactly on her radar either. For example, you'll learn about Attila attacking the Romans and the emperor's goofy sister, Honoria's "proposal" to Attila. You'll learn about Attila's providential, fatal nosebleed. You will NOT see mention of Pope Leo the Great anywhere. No mention of Leo meeting with Attila and persuading him to leave Rome. Nothing. Erased from this historical account.

Eser Sayg?n says

A great summary of ancient history. The book contains short stories and myths.

Orcun Ayata says

öncelikli olarak kitab?n sunulu? ?ekli "herkes için tarih" olmakla birlikte, amac?na fazlas?yla hizmet ediyor. daha öncesinde ayn? yazar?n antik dünya tarihi hakk?nda kitab?na ba?lam??t?m ancak a??r geldi?inden, s?k?ld???mdan dolayı yar?da b?rakm??t?m. daha sonras?nda bu seriyi almadan önce çok dü?ündüm, yine ayn? ?ekilde mi yaz?lm??t?r acaba diye ancak yap?lan yorumlar? görünce bir ?ans vermek istedim. iyi ki de vermi?im o ?ans?..

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seriye devam edece?im ancak biraz ara vermek istiyorum haf?zamda yer etmesi ad?na..

Stephanie says

I've really enjoyed reading this to my younger children. An enjoyable overview of Ancient Civilization.

Sarah says

This is the activity book and guide for the STOW: Vol. 1 Chapter book. I've included a full review of the entire Volume 1 curricula on that book, instead of writing one for the guide and one for the chapter book.

Rochelle says

probably more valuable than the text. It really does have great activity ideas, along with questions and coloring pages, etc.

Aja says

A great resource complete with book lists, narration helps, crafts, projects and maps, and many, many more supplements. This book is used with the Story of the World Volume 1 book which contains stories and histories of ancient civilizations.
