

# Classes by Kristen Hinkle

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## Personal History

The first thing I want you to know about me is that I LOVE TEACHING! God has put a passion in me to reach and impact students for His kingdom. I love doing this. As I look back on my life, I see God's hand so clearly and faithfully. He drew me to a relationship with Him at a young age. I attended Word of Life Bible Institute and Cornerstone University where I received my bachelors degree. I spent ten years teaching in a variety of settings including Christian, public and charter schools. I loved each one for different reasons, but my favorite thing was always the kids. Following some unfortunate and tragic circumstances that God led my husband and I through, I found myself without a classroom. Since that time in the spring of 2002, God has led me to teach homeschool students which have been the most rewarding experience. It is a joy to work alongside parents in educating their children.

## World History

Grades 10-12

This will be an exciting and fast-paced class that will cover the rise and fall of civilizations from the beginning of time to the present. We will be focusing on God's faithful plan of redemption for all mankind as well as the reoccurring themes of sin, punishment, progress, loss of power. Students will become familiar with the tension of life and will look at events throughout history from different perspectives. Students will be expected to do much reading and writing each week. They will be challenged and stretched to apply themselves as they complete a variety of activities and projects including essays, research reports, oral presentations, hands-on projects as well as other projects. Students will also be engaging in in-depth discussions about topics, events, and people that we study. This will be a survey of the "big picture" of history.

Students should also expect that this will not be a boring history lecture class, but one that they will enjoy and learn much not only about World History, but also about study habits, writing, and working on projects with others. My educational background and experience provide me with many tools to help your student achieve high standards in this class. I love teaching and building relationships with the students in my class. I have enjoyed the past four years as I have moved from teaching in the Christian/Charter/Public school setting, to working with homeschoolers. The challenges are different, but I love the opportunity to work with each student who accepts the challenge to be in my class.

There will be a \$15 copy fee which can be paid to Kristen Hinkle on the first day of class

History

10-12th grade

**Bob Jones World History**

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 1994

Student Text 1-59166-650-3

## **Government - Economics**

This class designed for students grades 10-12 will cover government for a semester and economics for a semester meeting the state expectation. In government we will be exploring the foundation of our government. Students should expect to read, take notes, study, prepare creative projects, and be challenged in their thinking. We will use our textbook as a springboard to gain knowledge and information, but that is only the beginning. Each week students will also be gathering current event articles. We will have many discussion about world-life view and the role our faith plays in everyday perspective. This is one of my favorite parts of class as we take the Biblical foundation that parents have built and add lifelong principles and practical insight.

Using Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace: Foundations in Personal Finance and the curriculum he has created specifically for homeschoolers, we will explore economics. The program has been set up to meet the national criteria and benchmarks. It is used by public and private schools. My goal is to take finances and apply principles that will help students understand economic basics and create a vision for individual financial freedom as they prepare for their future. This portion of class is much less book work than Government, but is also extremely practical as we explore colleges, costs, loans, as well as other imminent financial concerns that each student must face.

Neither of these classes will be lecture style but will challenge students regardless of their learning style. They will not be memorizing and cramming for short term purposes but will be creating an understanding of government and economics. Having taught in public/Christian/charter schools, I have experience dealing with a variety of students from multiple backgrounds and educational experiences. My favorite part of being a teacher is the student relationship. I love knowing my students and being able to challenge and encourage them individually. Because I have worked with homeschoolers for the past 6 years, I understand the special issues and take advantage of the unique opportunities afforded them. I look forward to the upcoming year and the opportunity to work with the students who accept the challenge of my class.

Text:

**Bob Jones Press American Government Second Edition**

Student Text

Student Test Packet

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace: Foundations in Personal Finance**

(I will purchase the Economics curriculum as a class and let you know the cost based on the number of students we have)

\$15 copy fee payable to Kristen Hinkle