



Chapter 10

TEACHING HISTORY

Throughout my education, history was my most dreaded subject. For me, it was merely an endless memorization of dry facts, names without characters, senseless lists of dates, and unending wars. *What was the purpose?* I thought.

Now, I find myself becoming fascinated with books and historical movies that almost "transport me" into a different time period. I realize now that history is simply the study of real people, their lives and their cultures—people very much like me, with similar feelings and emotions.

As you are teaching history to your children, the most important thing is to make it come alive! *What was it like to live in ancient Egypt, or in the time of Christ, or during the Dark Ages of Medieval Europe? How did the people dress? What did they eat? What were their homes and families like? What was important in their culture? How—or what—did they worship?*

It is also exciting to learn about the past in relation to Jesus Christ and God's missions heart for the whole world. This year as you study history, teach your lessons in light of the Gospel. Consider how God prepared the way for Christ to come, and how the world responded to his message.

Included in this chapter is a History Research Worksheet. This can be used for any period of history. Simply copy the worksheet page and instruct your children to fill in the blanks. The questions will encourage your children to think about everyday life in other times. The earlier chapters, *Our Heritage* and *Our Examples* from this guide can help you, along with resources like *Operation World* and *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*.

You may want to have your children start a history research project. Have them expound on extended questions from the worksheet (using separate paper), or combine history-oriented writing assignments, such as daily assignments, maps, or art projects.

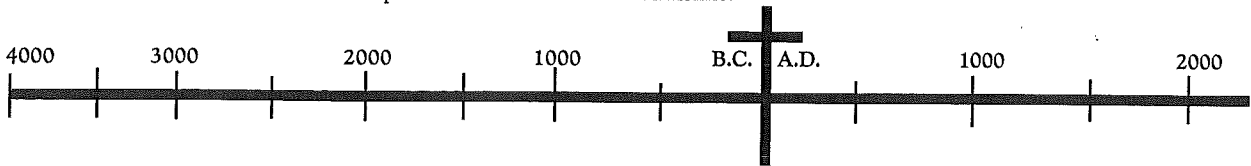
HISTORY RESEARCH WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

Period of History: _____

Approximate Historical Dates: _____ B.C. or A.D.

Indicate where this period would fit on this mini timeline:



During what time frame of biblical history did this occur? _____

Are there other names for this period of history? _____

What were the major world empires during this time? _____

List important political or military events of this period: _____

What types of governmental systems were in effect? _____

Who were some of the famous leaders of this period? _____

List and describe key Bible characters, Christian leaders, or missionaries who lived during this time, and their country of influence:

Name:	Description:	Country of Influence:

Describe the average person's physical living conditions during this time period? _____

Describe a typical home: _____

What kinds of food did the average person eat? _____

Describe the music of this period: _____

List any famous artists or works of art: _____

What were the major languages spoken during this time? _____

How did people earn their living? _____

What were the major religions of this period? _____

What is this period most remembered for? _____

What was God doing throughout this period of history to help spread the Gospel throughout the world? (Look especially at people movements, major governmental changes, religious events, Scripture translation, trade routes, etc.) _____



EXAMPLE OF A PERSONAL FAMILY TIME LINE:

1940	1944 - Grandpa comes home from WWII
	1945 - Grandma and Grandpa D. married
1950	
1960	
	1963 - Grandma and Grandpa M. married
1970	1965 - Dad born/Mom born
1980	1985 - Dad and Mom married
	1986 - first child born
	1987 - family moves to Oregon
	1988 - second child born
1990	1990 - third child born
	1992 - fourth child born

To make a time line begin with a solid, vertical line. Make small horizontal lines for marking specific time periods (such as every 500 years). Begin filling in spaces with exact dates of important events. Encourage your children to compare different events in history, and take notice of how these events relate to each other.

You may want to put your timeline on a wall in your school room. If you're like me, you don't have any empty 15-foot place in your house, and don't really want to clutter your family room walls. A great idea in this case is to make it on a roll of butcher paper and simply roll it up for safekeeping and unroll it when you want to refer to it.

MAKING A HISTORY TIMELINE

One of the most important tools for teaching history is a timeline. It provides a way to connect the things you learn. Just as a world map helps you to relate geographical areas (using location as a standard), a time line helps you relate events in history (using time as a standard).

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A Sample Timeline

4000B.C.	THE BEGINNING
	4000 Creation
	4000 Fall of man
	2948 Noah born
3000B.C.	THE FLOOD AND DISPERSION
	2348-2347 Noah and the Great Flood
	2257 Seventh ruler of China dies
	2247 The Tower of Babel (some say earlier)
2000B.C.	THE PATRIARCHS
	1996 Abraham born
	1910 Ishmael born
	1896 Isaac born
	1837 Jacob and Esau born
	1739 Jacob's name changed to Israel
1500B.C.	ISRAEL IN EGYPT
	1718 Joseph sold as a slave into Egypt
	1706 Jacob goes to Goshen, Egypt
	1573 Captivity in Egypt begins
	1491 Moses and the Exodus (some say as late as 1300-1200 B.C.)
1000B.C.	GOD GIVES HIS LAW AND PROPHETS
	1491 God gives His law to Moses
	1491-1451 Wandering in the wilderness
	1451 Entering the Promised Land
	1441-1095 Time of the judges and prophets
	TIME OF THE KINGS
	1123-255 Chow Dynasty in China
	1056 David anointed as King
	1015 King Solomon appointed
	982 Kingdom of Israel divided
	753 Rome established
	700 Fall of Israel to Assyria
500B.C.	THE GREAT EMPIRES
	625 Babylonian Empire begins
	600 Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar
	594 Buddah begins public work in July
	539 End of Babylonian Empire
	539 Beginning of Persian Empire
	586 Fall of Judah to Chaldeans
	330 End of Persian Empire



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A Sample Time line (continued)

300B.C.	330-323	Alexander the Great, Grecian Empire
	250	Rise of Rome as world power
B.C./A.D.	THE MESSIAH COMES	
	4-6	Birth of Jesus Christ
	26-28	Jesus enters the ministry
	29-31	Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ
	29-31	Ascension of Christ, The Great Commission
A.D. 50	THE EARLY CHURCH	
	64	Persecution from Nero begins
	67	Martyrdom of Peter and Paul
	by 100	New Testament written
	117	Height of Roman Empire
A.D. 100	313	Constantine's Edict of Milan (Christianity now legal)
	375	Christianity official and only religion of Rome
	379-395	Emperor Theodosius I begins to persecute all other religions, forcing all to become "Christian"
	THE DARK AGES	
A.D. 500	395	Rome divided
	400-1300	Attack of Vikings and German barbarians
	432	St. Patrick arrives in Ireland
	476	First German (Odoacer) to rule Rome openly
		Fall of Western Roman Empire
	500	Beginning of the Middle Ages
	600	Mohammed/Islam begins
	716	St. Boniface leaves on first mission
	725	Emperor Leo III forbids veneration to images
	843	Council of Constantinople restores image veneration
	1095	Holy War Crusades begin
A.D. 1000	RENAISSANCE/ REFORMATION	
	1212	St. Francis of Assisi
	1320-1384	John Wycliffe
	1415	John Huss burned at stake
	1431	Joan of Arc burned at stake
	1450	First printing press with moveable type invented
	1454	Johann Gutenberg prints first Bible
	1478	Spanish Inquisition begins
	1495	Leonardo Da Vinci paints <i>The Last Supper</i>
	1492	Christopher Columbus sails to the Americas
	1508	Michelangelo begins work on Sistine Chapel
	1542	Xavier in India
	1521	Martin Luther breaks away from papacy
A.D. 1500	1522	Ulrich Zwingli makes an open break with Rome
	1536	John Calvin writes <i>Institutes of Christian Religion</i>

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A Sample Time line (continued)

A.D. 1500	AGE OF EXPLORATION/COLONIZATION		
	1540	Jesuits founded/revitalizing Catholicism	
	1580	Sir Francis Drake completes circumnavigation of the world	
	1596	Gehardus Mercator publishes world map	
	A.D. 1600	1597	Japanese expel western missionaries
		1611	The <i>King James Version</i> of the Bible is published
	A.D. 1700	1620	Pilgrims arrive at Plymouth Bay
		1646	John Eliot to American Indians
		1732	Moravians send missionaries to Virgin Islands
		1743	David Brainerd begins work
		1776	United States of America makes its Declaration of Independence
	A.D. 1800	1793	William Carey arrives in India
		1812	First American Missionaries: Adoniram and Nancy Judson set sail for India
		1816	Moffat begins missionary work
		1835	Whitmans leave for Oregon
		1841	David Livingstone arrives in Africa
		1861	Telegraph wire stretches from east to west coast of the U.S.
		1865	Founding of China Inland Mission
		1876	Alexander Graham Bell displays the first telephone
		1890	Founding of The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM)
1893		Founding of Sudan Interior Mission (SIM)	
1895	Founding of Africa Inland Missions		
A.D. 1900	AGE OF MODERN MISSIONS		
	1903	The Wright brothers make first successful airplane flight	
	1903	Ford Motor Company begins making the automobile affordable	
	1910	C.T. Studd arrives in Africa	
	1914	U.S. opens the Panama Canal	
	1914	World War I begins	
	1917	Collapse of the Russian Czarist Empire	
	1922	Founding of the U.S.S.R.	
	1927	Charles Lindberg makes first solo flight across Atlantic Ocean	
	1930s	The Great Depression	
	1936	First regular television broadcasts begin	
	1939	World War II begins	
	1945	Founding of Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	
	1950	Founding of World Vision	
	1954	Founding of Trans World Radio	
	A.D. 1950	1956	Auca massacre of Jim Elliot, Nate Saint and others in Ecuador
		1960	Founding of Youth With A Mission (YWAM)
			Shift toward short-term missions
		1969	American Neil Armstrong is first man to walk on the moon
		1974	First version of <i>Operation World</i> published
	1976	Founding of U.S. Center for World Missions	
	1991	Break-up of the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe now open for Christian evangelism	
		Shift towards use of "nationals" in missions	
	Today	GOD CAN USE YOU!	