**Alternative Titles/Resources**

*PLEASE NOTE that the Alternative Titles list is completely unrelated to assignments we will be sending home or work done at school. These are just resources we came across in our searches that were good, but for whatever reason, did not lend themselves to our hybrid model, or we just couldn’t choose them all! If you find that one of our recommended books is not working for you, you just want more resources or reading, or you are the independent type who likes to do things your own way, this will give you some ideas.*

**Reading**: This blog post series outlines the Charlotte Mason method to teaching reading. Her method can be used with any readers such as Elson or Treadwell. This is all available for free!

<http://joyfulshepherdess.blogspot.com/2013/03/all-my-charlotte-mason-reading-posts-in.html>

An affordable Charlotte Mason curriculum for teaching reading:

<http://www.discoverreading.net/>

The Good and the Beautiful is affordable and well-liked by many. The material comes as PDF or physical book.  Levels 1-5 are FREE as PDFs and are very affordable as a combination of spelling, phonics, art, grammar.

<http://www.jennyphillips.com/course/language-arts-literature/>

**Math**: True Charlotte Mason method is hard to come by as a curriculum, however, Simply Charlotte Mason is working on it! These can easily be used with the Kuske visuals.  This material is for the parent to understand what the approach is; it is NOT a lesson book.

<https://simplycharlottemason.com/store/mathematics-book-and-dvd-bundle/>

This is the first in the series of lesson books (others are not out yet!). This is roughly a 1st grade level. <https://simplycharlottemason.com/store/charlotte-mason-elementary-arithmetic-series-book-1/>

**Handwriting**: A Reason for Handwriting. The Good and the Beautiful PDF <http://www.jennyphillips.com/handwriting/>

**Science**: Apologia and Answers in Genesis are good creation sources. Apologia has their books as audio files as well on Rainbow Resource for easy listening in the car!  Christian Liberty Press also has some good readers. There are also several units available on the Good and the Beautiful. <http://www.jennyphillips.com/science/>

**History:** There are many good “spines” (living history text) of American history. We tried to find the perfect spine, but it doesn’t exist! Below are some options with notes about them. We plan to do a four-year cycle of American history, so if you can use one of these books for 2nd-4th grade, it will be the only history spine you’ll need!

* *The American Story* by Jennifer Armstrong: This book is written from a more secular perspective and has a couple chapters that you may prefer to skip, so we recommend you read that week’s chapter ahead of time. However, the stories are unique and interesting, it has colorful illustrations, it goes through modern times (2000), and it could be your spine for 3 years with one history story a week.
* Christian Liberty Press has overtly Christian readers
* *A Child’s First Book of American History* by Miers (from Beautiful Feet or Amazon). This spine does go up to WWII and could potentially be your spine for 3 years. It has nice, colorful illustrations on each page. The writing style may be better for older children.

(The following titles are from Yesterday’s Classics, and many can also be found on Amazon.)

* Mara Pratt’s American History Volumes (series): There are four volumes in this series, but it stops before WWI. The stories are very engaging and especially good for 1st or 2nd grade. It does use outdated/racist terms, though, which you may want to edit. It has some old-looking illustrations in it.
* *America First* by Lawton Evans: Another great living history book, this spine does go through to WWI and could be your spine for three years with one history story a week. This, too, has some outdated/racist terms in it and is sparse in pictures.
* *This Country of Ours* by H.E. Marshall: The author of this book is actually British and some people say she lacks passion for American history, but this spine is recommended on several Charlotte Mason book lists. There may be some outdated language/stories you may prefer to skip, so we recommend you read that week’s story ahead of time. This spine goes through WWI as well and could be your spine for 3 years. This book is sparse in pictures.

*The Good and the Beautiful is recommended several times. The author is Mormon, but the curriculum is supposed to be nondenominational and because it is CM-influenced and very affordable or free, it can be a good alternative for Language Arts, Handwriting, etc.  Language Arts Levels 1-5 are free as PDFs.*