

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Philosophy of History Education

Following the traditions set forth by Trinity Christian School, the history courses taught in the High School are taught from a biblical worldview, meaning all history is taught from a Christian perspective using the Classical Model of teaching, to reveal God's truth and encourage critical thinking. As Christians, we believe most importantly that all history is God's history, and, within that framework, we teach all history courses in conformity with the One and Only Creator God the Father, the Atoning work of God the Son, and the continual working of the Holy Spirit.

First, we teach history from a Christian, biblical worldview, believing that God created the world (Gen. 1), man was God's special creation (Gen. 1) and that man fell into the estate of sin (The Shorter Catechism, Q 15-19). This biblical view allows students to evaluate the actions, decisions, and interactions of many civilizations at their development, zenith, and fall from glory. It also provides insight into the way that God deals with them and their descendants, bringing to life that saying by Sir Winston Churchill, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Second, students are taught that God raises up and brings down nations and that all decisions and actions in history made individually or by a group are under the control of our Sovereign God—many are blessed by Him and many are not. He uses all actions in history for His own glory, not the glory of Man.

Third, the student learns that God does not withdraw from His creation but interacts with them. One can see this continually in history through the blessings of many nations who followed His leading. There have been countless examples in the annals of time of men and women who led by faithful example, persevered by the power of the Holy Spirit, and left behind the legacy of true followers of the moral law of God. **It is a most worthy effort that the next generation understands this principle so that they may receive the full blessings and freedom that God offers His people.**

The perspective, then, is that God's history shows not only His redemptive power towards Man but also His plan of Salvation for those who believe and His use of His creative works (that is, civilizations and man) to bring those to Him. Many civilizations have turned from the Creator, and we can see and learn from the devastating effects that this has on them.

Finally, in regards to the Classical method, all logic and rhetoric students of Trinity Christian School will use some form of the grammar stage of learning to learn dates and facts. However, in the application of this learning, they will, through the logic stage, be able to look at the reasons why decisions and actions were made and what consequences resulted. In the rhetoric stage, students will express these ideas both orally and written, through presentations and essays, in a clear, expressive manner. Obedience to God, for the students, means taking captive ALL the qualities and gifts of expression and use them for His glory alone. This will help them to become good citizens, good learners, and great ambassadors for Christ.