

Sample Syllabus

4th Grade HISTORY First Quarter Syllabus

Text: THE HISTORY OF OUR UNITED STATES (ABEKA)
Workbook & Test Booklet

Purpose: Our goal this semester is to learn about the history of the United States of America. We will learn how America came to be a nation, who its famous people have been, and what important events have taken place in America. We will study and memorize some of the important documents of our nation and we will examine how the truths of the Bible made America the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

Topics to be Studied/ Time Line for Semester

Chapter 1: The Years of Discovery: Columbus Discovers America/ approximately 1 week
Pages 9-23 in text.

Chapter 2: The Years of Conquest/ approximately 2 weeks
Pages 24-37 in text.

Chapter 3: The First Americans/ approximately 3 weeks
Pages 38-47 in text.

Short Indian Study

Chapter 4: The English Come To America/ approximately 3 weeks
Pages 49-67 in text.

Projects: The student will be required to write a short 2 page report on the explorer of their choice. The child will be required to build or draw of model of a typical Indian home of their choice. As a family we take a field trip to the University of Kentucky Archeological Museum to learn about Indians of Kentucky. The student will work on a bead or leather project of their choice. The child will write a letter to friends left in England after having traveled on the Mayflower. The child will describe his/her impressions of their new home.

Assessment: Grades will be given for projects completed. Tests & questions over each and every chapter. Extra Credit: Read a biography about any one of the famous people discussed in Chapters 1 -4.

Note: The law does NOT require homeschool parents to write a syllabus for their child's classes.

Sample Letter of Intent to Homeschool

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

123 Our Street
Our Town, KY 00000
August 5, 2004

Director of Pupil Personnel
Your County Schools
123 Their St.
Our Town, KY 00000

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you that we will be homeschooling our children during the 2004-2005 academic school year. Below is a list of our school age children and information about our school.

	Name	Age
1.	Whitney Jones	14
2.	Kenneth Jones	12
3.	Mackenzie Jones	10
4.	Graham Jones	8

School will take place in our home.

Names of Parents/Teachers:

John and Jane Jones
123 Our Street
Our Town, KY 00000

Sincerely,

John Jones
Jane Jones

*****PLEASE NOTE: It is best to send this letter via certified mail, preferably 10 days before school begins and no later than 2 weeks after the beginning of the **public school year**. It is acceptable to send the letter later in the school year if you start to home school mid-year or if you move into the area mid-term. In any case, be prompt.

*****Remember, do not send additional information like test scores, course work outlines, etc . The law does not require you to send any more than your child's name and age. It is better not to volunteer too much information. However, if you are withdrawing your child mid-term from a public school, you may want to enclose your phone number. Sometimes the local school district will follow up on these withdrawals. If you give them your phone number, they won't have to show up on your doorstep.