Tapestry of Grace Year 4 History Activity (LG)

Tapestry of Grace is a Christian classical humanities curriculum that includes Charlotte Mason elements and a mixture of modalities (visual, kinesthetic, and auditory) to engage all different kinds of learners. This K-12 program includes student and teacher materials for the core courses of History and English (including Writing and Literature). It also offers elective studies (at age-appropriate levels) in Geography, Fine Arts, Church History, Government, and Philosophy. All subjects are integrated around a chronological study of history.

The name of the curriculum comes from the imagery of weaving a Tapestry. As founding author Marcia Somerville described it," All of us are in history; we are all making it in this moment. History is God's story of our lives, and the lives of many other people, all of whom He has created and called by name over the centuries for His own purposes, to give Him glory. He is the designer of a beautiful tapestry: time is the loom, creation is the warp, and human experiences are the threads. Each of us has a section of the tapestry to weave, and none of us sees the finished project here on Earth. We work from the back of the tapestry, according to a cartoon (an outline drawing, designed by the Master Weaver, that dictates our pattern) and without seeing the front, or finished side. We all choose our cartoon, our pattern. For all biblical Christians, that pattern is seen in God's Word and Jesus' life. God promises Christians that they are weaving a tapestry of grace and glory according to His will."

This year, we will be doing Tapestry of Grace's Year Four. It covers the history of the world from the year 1900 A.D. to present times.

In Unit 1: Dawn of the Twentieth Century - In the early 1900s, life changed quickly because of exciting new inventions. However, countries began to argue over power, which eventually led to the outbreak of World War I.

In Unit 2: Depression and Destruction - During the years leading up to 1945, money systems crashed worldwide and caused severe poverty. Cruel dictators took control of several countries, which ultimately sparked World War II.

In Unit 3: Conformity to Counterculture - From the 1950s through the 1970s, global tension grew during the Cold War. At the same time, people fought for civil rights and the younger generation completely changed society's culture.

In Unit 4: The Postmodern World - From the 1980s up to today, communism fell apart across Europe. The internet and new technologies grew rapidly while the world faced fresh modern problems.

The Lower Grammar History Activity Class will study these exciting topics in history by doing hands-on activities. Has your child ever made a coat of arms or a hand-coloured calligraphy letter? Would he like to learn how to make a salt map or a model Viking village? Would she like to make a princess costume or learn to knit? How do your children feel about model castles or playing Capture the Flag? In this course, they will explore all kinds of crafts and activities designed to help bring history to life for them! And you as parents don't have to plan the activity and clean up the mess at home every week. You get to share the load on a roster with all of the parents who have children in the class.

Student Preparation: Teaching of the topic will be done by using the TOG Fine Arts and Activities Spool, Weft Audio/Weft Intro's Reader, Story of the World chapter, or Videos. Each parent can choose the curriculum to fit their child's unique learning style to prepare their children for class.

Required Textbook	Tapestry of Grace Year 4 LG Full Rack Spool Tapestry of Grace Weft Audio OR Weft Intros Reader
Additional Resources	Story of the World Volume 3 & 4 by Susan Wise Bauer