

# Exploring Homeschooling Methods

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## MORE STRUCTURED TEACHING METHODS

**Strengths:** Ready for test, No “gaps”

**Weaknesses:** ♦Limits flexibility for individualized levels, pace, and learning styles  
♦Less multi-age work ♦Very curriculum directed

### Virtual Academy/Distance Learning – “Public School at Home”

#### Textbook/Workbook “Traditional”

##### Familiar Curricula:

- Abeka
- Bob Jones University Press
- [Christian Liberty Press](#)
- Rod & Staff

##### Paces Style Curricula:

- Accelerated Christian Education (ACE)
- Alpha Omega LIFEPAK
- Christian Light Education

##### Subject Specific Curricula:

- [Easy Grammar](#) – Wanda C Phillips
- [Saxon Math](#) – John Saxon

##### Technology-Related/Correspondence

###### Video Courses, Schools:

- Abeka, Alpha Omega Academy
- BJU satellite network

###### Computer-Based independent Study:

- Alpha Omega Switched-On Schoolhouse (CD-ROM) or Monarch (Online)

###### Satellite Schools:

- Christian Liberty Academy
- Freedom Project
- School of Tomorrow
- Sycamore Tree

**Strengths:** ♦Avoid gaps ♦Sequential ♦Planned

**Weaknesses:** ♦Divides family ♦Can hinder pace ♦Doesn't fit all learning styles

#### Classical Education “Trivium”

Intellectual focus (Training the mind)  
Incorporates Logic and Latin

##### Trivium (Three stages of Learning)

- **Grammar** (primary years) – Absorbing concrete basic facts, knowledge and memorization
- **Dialectic** (middle years) – Logic and analysis, understanding interdisciplinary relationships
- **Rhetoric** (high school) – Written and spoken expression, turning knowledge into wisdom

- [Mystery of History](#) – Linda Hobar

- Classical Conversations Co-ops
- [Well Trained Mind](#) – Susan Wise Bauer
- [Classical Christian Homeschooling](#)

- [Story of the World](#) – Susan Wise Bauer

**Strengths:** ♦Learn to think ♦Solid educational foundation

**Weaknesses:** ♦Can be intimidating for teacher

~ Underlined resources are available from Heppner's Legacy ~

## *LESS STRUCTURED TEACHING METHODS*

**Strengths:** ♦Allows for individual styles ♦Multiple ages learn together  
**Weaknesses:** ♦Fear of “gaps” ♦Harder for Type “A” moms ♦More prep  
♦Trying to do too much and getting bogged down

### **Resources for Less Structured Methods:**

- [For the Children’s Sake](#)  
– Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
- [So You’re Thinking About Homeschooling](#)  
– Lisa Whelchel
- [Things We Wish We’d Known](#)  
– Bill & Diana Waring
- [Teaching from Rest](#) – Sarah Mackenzie
- [Homeschool Bravely](#) – Jamie Erickson
- [Three R’s](#) – Ruth Beechick
- [The 4 Hour School Day](#) – Durenda Wilson
- [8 Great Smarts](#) – Kathy Koch
- [8 Great Smarts for Homeschoolers](#)  
– Tina Hollenbeck

### **Unit Studies** “Integrated Subject Learning”

#### **Unit Study Curricula:**

- [Around the World with Picture Books](#)  
– Rea Berg
- [Cantering the Country](#) or  
[Gallop the Globe](#) – Loree Pettie
- [Five in a Row](#) – Lambert
- [Prairie Primer](#) – Margie Gray
- [Further Up & Further In](#) – Diane Pendergraft
- [History Revealed](#) – Diana Waring
- KONOS – Carole Thaxton & Jessica Hulcy
- [Lessons from History w/ The Art Part](#)  
– Gail Schultz

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### **Literature Approach** “Whole Heart Learning”

#### **Resources:**

- [All Through the Ages](#) – Christine Miller
- [Learning Language Arts through Lit.](#)  
– Debbie Strayer
- [Five in a Row](#) – Lambert
- Sonlight

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### **Unschooling** “Relaxed Learning”

**Strengths:** ♦Completely flexible ♦Student directed

**Weaknesses:** ♦Difficult to define ♦Gaps ♦Hard to measure/prove learning  
♦Often based on humanistic premises

### **Charlotte Mason** “Love of Learning”

#### **Resources:**

- Simply Charlotte Mason
- [Story Starters](#) – Karen Andreola
- [Five in a Row](#) – Lambert

**Strengths:** ♦Multiple ages ♦Learning styles & subjects together ♦Student directed

♦Learning based on “Living books” ♦Produces life-long learners

**Weaknesses:** ♦Lots of parental involvement ♦Can feel outdated ♦Experiential learning can be more work

### **Eclectic** “Customized Education”

***Best of the Best for YOUR Family***

***Find Your Balance***