

The Well Furnished Mind

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This is a presentation to introduce the tools and resources we at Moor House Academy (LDS) and the Royal Academe (General Christian- KJV Bible based) offer to help simplify mom's efforts, while magnifying children's learning.

Power of an Hour

Grab and Go— *The Power of an Hour* is designed to be low on parent prep time and portable in a hyperlinked pdf.

Core Basics and Fine Arts included— scripture episodes, Conference spotlight, person from church history, scripture mastery, artists, art appreciation, spelling rules, musicians, music appreciation, grammar rules, mathematicians/scientists, living math/science activities, statesmen/world leaders, political geography, language (y 1 Intro to Hebrew, y 2 Intro to Greek/Greek Roots, y 3 Latin roots and phrases, y 4 Melting Pot Approach to learning a language), Poets, appreciation of poetry, and states of the US.

Simplicity—*the Power of an Hour is simple*. The more complex something is to carry out the higher the chance of burnout.

Consistency—Due to its simplicity, the *Power of an Hour* is easier to establish as a daily learning habit, and once established can easily be expanded.

Expandable—hyperlinks are included so knowledge can be easily explored and expanded.

Sample— <http://www.moorhouseacademy.org/page/1-The-Power-of-an-Hour.aspx>

Purchase—<http://store.moorhouseacademy.org/p/2/the-power-of-an-hour-old-testamentancient-times>

Scholar Portfolios and Binders

These portfolios and binders are scholar tools that help the young scholar gain scholar skills and also provide a portfolio of their work. These “binder packets” are designed to assist you on your Hope Chest Journey and in the education of you and your children. The packets are e-downloads to place in your binders.

<http://store.moorhouseacademy.org/p/5/binders>

<http://store.royalacademe.com/c/23/binders>

Family Scholar Portfolio

The Family Scholar Portfolio is designed for families and family scholars to track their learning activities and to assist them in setting and tracking learning goals through: victory charts, books read as a family, field trips, activity tracking and more. This helps parents and children in

evaluating, setting family goals and rhythms, and tracking progress. The Aspiring Scholar Portfolio builds on the Family Scholar notebook.

Aspiring Scholar Portfolio

This is a tracking system for the Aspiring Scholar (roughly 8-12 years old) to track their studies. This is required for those who desire transcripts and for those who have to demonstrate what they are studying.

Personal Scholar Portfolio (for young and adult scholars)

Scholar—Mentor Plans and Contracts—is a place to keep scholar study plans, learning commitment victories, and scholar—mentor contracts.

Mentoring Record— the portfolio is a place for reflection, return, report, and evaluation.

Tracking Progress—is a place to track scholar plans, study hours, projects completed, classics studied, lectures attended, fine arts events studied, fieldtrips and events attended; increasing balance and the ease of creating a transcript of studies.

Writing— this would include narrations or essays on classics experienced; annotated bookmarks; essays on fieldtrips, lectures, and fine arts events attended; and evaluations of experiments performed.

Book of Centuries

Build your own encyclopedia— combine history, writing, and art. This is intended to be used as a family binder in the early years and then when children become Aspiring Scholars and Young Scholars. This is also used with the Power of an Hour to expand the learning of Sowing Seeds of Greatness. This can also be used without the Power of an Hour.

A *Book of Centuries* is a time line in a binder, spanning centuries and continents. The parent, family, or individual student can compile this book, over a period of years. The *Book of Centuries* becomes like an encyclopedia created by the Aspiring Scholar. There are 50 pages with cover page, title page, "How to" page, and 47 pages of grid with dates across the top and land masses down the side. That way, one can see in a given time period what was happening elsewhere in the world.

Book of Nations

Build your own expanded gazetteer/encyclopedia. This is intended to be used as a family binder in the early years and then when children become Aspiring Scholars and Young Scholars. This is also used with the Power of an Hour to expand the learning of world and US geography. This can also be used without the Power of an Hour.

The Book of Nations is a binder prepared by a mother, family, or individual student, to accompany the study of physical and political geography, a place for drawings of flags, maps

and other knowledge the scholar might want to remember from their studies. The Book of Nations includes: “How to Use the Book of Nations,” “50 States and State Capitals,” “195 Countries of the World and Their Capitals in 2011,” “Countries of the World and Their Capitals by Continental Association,” “Glossary of Physical Geography Terms,” “Helpful Links and Resources.”

Scholar Projects

There are two kinds of Projects offered at Moor House. Family Projects and Advanced Scholar Projects.

In [Family Projects](#), the whole family works together towards a common goal. With parents helping children, and children encouraging parents, each project becomes a spiritual, physical, and mental journey. The independent [Advanced Projects](#) are scholar projects that the individual (whether young or old) completes on his or her own. As they do so they are carried further into in depth in scholar learning opportunities, in an area of their interest. These projects help the scholar transition toward becoming a self-directed scholar.

<http://store.moorhouseacademy.org/c/8/scholar-projects>

The Hope Chest Journey/ Tool Box Journey

Traditionally every item placed within the hope chest represented both knowledge and skills acquired which would help the young bride to embrace her roles as a queen in her new home. These developed [inner beauties and outward graces](#) became a practical education for a whole life. We encourage mothers to take the Hope Chest Journey together with their daughters. This way, mothers can enrich their own education while helping prepare their daughters for marriage, family, creating her future home, and for adult life. The Tool Box Journey is the journey fathers take with their sons.

Articles on the Hope Chest Journey and the Tool Box Journey found here:

<http://store.royalacademe.com/p/12/4moms2go-pdf-downloadable-articles>

Principled Theme Bundles

Literature based unit study for building character, developing the lost arts of inner beauty and outer graces, in a Grab and Go, low parental prep pdf. format.

Much can be learned through reading the classics. However, when we take the time to discuss points in the classics as we go, and then do various activities that tie in to that classic book, the learning experience becomes more real and lasting. This is especially true for children.

At the Royal Academe, we have sought out great classics that teach many of the lost arts of Queenship (and Kingship). We have created [resources](#) to turn reading these books with your sons and daughters into a full educational experience.

Theme Bundles include:

Principle: a foundational introduction to the principle theme.

Well Said: quotes that tie in with the principle theme.

Sister to Sister: articles for mothers which expound upon the principle theme.

Literature Spotlight: classic book chosen that embodies the principle theme.

- Point of Discussion (discussion points).
- Stepping into the Story (activities that tie in with classic).
- Building Word Power (vocabulary words found in classic).
- Principles and Virtues (found within the classic).
- Literary Connections (people, places, and other classic works mentioned in classic).
- A Taste of Literature (recipes for foods mentioned in classic).
- Symbolism and Archetypes (within the classic).
- Resource Links (additional resource links for classic).

Sample found here: <http://royalacademe.com/page/2-Principle-Theme-Bundles.aspx>

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