

## Syllabus: Memory Period I

### Course Description

Memory work is one of the most important aspects of the grammar school years, particularly within classical Christian education. Yet, it appears to be one of the most difficult things to work into a homeschooling day. This class is the first of a two year cycle of memory work covering a host of areas. Students will learn the Veritas Press history and Bible time lines, Latin chants, math facts, grammar jingles, and much more. Review, practice, and accountability will all contribute to the complete mastery of an enormous amount of material in a fun and enjoyable way. Recommended for 2nd through 4th grade. Homework will average 1 - 2 hours per week.

Subject areas to be reviewed during Memory Period I:

- Latin: Latin Grammar
- LEnglish: Shurorter Catechism
- Math: Measurement, Weight, Multiplication Tabley Grammar
- Theology: Westminster Shes
- Geography: Middle East, British Isles, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Southern Europe, and Scandinavia
- Science: The Scientific Method, Cold-Blooded Vertebrates
- Bible: Genesis through Joshua, and Judges through Kings songs from Veritas Press
- History: All five History Timeline songs from Veritas Press

### Attendance

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades.

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

### Assignments & Tests

There is no extra reading for this class. Students will need oversight or assistance on non-class days since they will be expected to drill daily the

material covered in class. Parents will be asked to administer “Memory Work Recitations” assessing their child’s knowledge of the memory work - three during the first semester, and two during the second semester. A special project during the second semester will be a short written paper.

In lieu of a written test, the student will recite a selected portion of Memory Work, as well as complete several fill-in-the-blank exercises.

### **Evaluation**

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

- Class Attendance 5%
- Relevant Class Participation 15%
- Recitations 80%

### **Grading Scale**

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

### **Late Work**

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

### **Exam/Test Retakes**

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

### **Textbooks**

It is not necessary to purchase any books for the class; however, having the various songs available on CD is very helpful for practice (particularly History, Bible, and Geography songs!). The student may already own some of these materials through their other coursework. Material to be reviewed in this class comes from the following books or CDs:

Latin for Children A DVDs and CD (145620)  
Shurley Grammar – Jingle Time Music Pack Level 3-8 (515235)  
Westminster Shorter Catechism Songs Collection (191900)  
Geography Songs - Songbook and CD (050025)  
Lyrical Life Science – Vol. 1, General Science (362010)

Veritas Press Bible Songs – Memory Song CD

- Genesis through Joshua (000611)
- Judges through Kings (000621)

Veritas Press History Songs – Song CDs only

- Old Testament / Ancient Egypt (000101)
- New Testament / Greece & Rome (000201)
- Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation (000301)
- Explorers to 1815 (000401)
- 1815 to Present (000501)

Memory Song CD

- Old Testament / Ancient Egypt (000101)
- New Testament / Greece & Rome (000201)
- Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation (000301)
- Explorers to 1815 (000401)
- 1815 to Present (000501)

You may wish to have the timeline cards in addition to the Memory Song CD. The information on the back of the each card deepens understanding of each event.

Veritas Press Bible Timeline Cards and Memory Song CD

- Genesis through Joshua (000612)

- Judges through Kings (000622)

Veritas Press History Timeline Cards and Memory Song CD

- Old Testament / Ancient Egypt (000102)
- New Testament / Greece & Rome (000202)
- Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation (000302)
- Explorers to 1815 (000402)
- 1815 to Present (000502)

### **Course Calendar**

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.