

British History

2003 Lesson Plans



This unit study was created in 2003 for our history day with the Nolettes. We studied the history together once a week.

This is not a product.

We are just sharing our own notes to inspire you in your own lesson planning.

We did a lot of reading aloud and often took turns reading. We spend hours reading aloud. We also spend hours on hands-on activities that the children loved! Sometimes, we watched a movie.

We hope this will be a blessing and inspire you to create your own classes and unit studies.

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September

This month we will begin studying Great Britain. Our heritage is predominately English, as well as our political and legal history. We will start with a basic introduction to geography, emblems, etc.

Lesson #1.

Make 4 maps: political of Great Britain, geographical of Great Britain, British commonwealth on world map, and English speakers on world map.

Locate Great Britain on globe.

Read: Winnie the Pooh (Cody, Phoebe, Shine) and The Secret at Pheasant Cottage and Tanglewood Secret (JR, Z)

Look at pictures of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

Watch video: The Great Muppet

Caper.

Lesson #2.

Finish maps.
Read: The House at Pooh Corner (Cody, Phoebe, Shine) and The Secret at Pheasant Cottage and The Tanglewood's Secret.

Draw flag and write out words to national anthem.

Watch video: Parent Trap II



Lesson #3.

Watch a travel video on England/London.

Discuss Kings & Queens. The line of succession to the throne.

Read: When we were Young (Cody, Phoebe, Shine) and

Draw a Queen

or King, color and “mat” picture.

Do Visitors Guide and Travel Plans pages.

Watch video: 101 Dalmatians (real people).

Lesson #4.

Fill out climate and resources pages.

Learn about the geography, animals, plants, weather, natural resources.

Read: Tale of Jeremy Fisher, Peter Rabbit (SJ P)

Watch video: Beatrix Potter stories

□ OCTOBER

Lesson #5.

Read Essential British History pg. 1-5. Discuss.

Discuss Roman occupation of The British Isle and their culture, military and influence.

Make a standard (pg.128) And Play with Katie Beth's catapult.

Make bath oil
(pg.114).

Read: Outcast,
The Eagle of the
Ninth (Zack, Jenny
Rose)

Watch video:

Anglo-Saxon Britain
Lesson #6

Read
Essentials of British
History pg.6-7.

Read: The
Shining Company
(Zack & Jenny Rose)
and Augustine
Came to Kent (Zack
& Jenny Rose)
Favorite Celtic
Fairytales (Cody,
Shine, Phoebe)

Color Celtic
Times picture and
“mat.”

Watch video:
Quest for Camelot.



Lesson #7.

Talk about
Saxon and Viking
invaders.

Read: A
Connecticut Yankee
in King Arthur’s

Court (Zack &
Jenny Rose)
Jack in the
Beanstalk (Shine,
Phoebe, Cody).

Color Celtic
pictures and “mat.”
Discuss legend
of King Arthur.
Watch Video: A
Connecticut Yankee
in King Arthur’s
Court.

Lesson #8.

Discuss
Ireland and St.
Patrick.

Color Celtic
Pictures and “mat.”
Read St. Patrick
(Zack & Jenny Rose)

Do Coat of
Arms, Money,
Employment and
Economy pages.

Watch video:
The Sword and the
Stone.

Knights & Castles

Lesson #9.

Read Essentials
of British History
pgs. 8-13.

Read Door in
the Wall (Cody,
Zack, Jenny Rose).
Read Riddle Ages,

May I Bring a
Friend? (SJ, P)
Color Castle
picture and “mat.”
Watch video:

NOVEMBER

Lesson #10.

Read Essentials
of British History
pgs.14-17.

Read Robin Hood
(Z, JR) Runaway
Princess (SJ, P,
Cody)

Color Castle
picture and “mat.”

Start work on
castle model.

Watch video:
Robin Hood.

Lesson #11.

Discuss Richard
the Lion Hearted,
King John and the
Magna Carta.

Do Calligraphy
and copy some of
magna Carta in a
scroll and roll it up.

Read If All the
Swords in England,
The Lost Baron,
Adam of the Road
(Zack, Jenny Rose).

Work on Castle
model.

Watch video:
Princess of Thieves

Lesson #12.

Discuss Castle
life.

Color Castle
picture and "mat."

Prepare feast:
Meat pies and tarts.

Take turns
being the jester
with juggling and
silliness and
illusionary tricks.

Finish Castle
model.

Watch video:
Dragonheart

Lesson #13.

Discuss
monasteries. Copy
Scripture with
calligraphy or
pretty handwriting.
Make scroll and
carrier (pg.107-110).
Writing done in
Latin.

Read Days of
Knights and
Damsels pg.1-11
and 39-44.

Make curds &
whey and porridge.

Watch video: A
Knight's Tale.

DECEMBER

Lesson #14.

Discuss
Crusades.

Try on armor
and make swords to
joist.

Make Coat of
Arms and Mini
Banner (pg. 66-67)

Color castle
picture and "mat."

Do Government,
Education &
Population pages.

Watch video:

JANUARY

Lesson #15.

Discuss War of
the Roses. Draw
red rose (list names
underneath) and
white rose (list
names underneath).
Draw red and white
rose together and
tell house war of
roses ended.

Make hats,
pouch, cape,
crowns, and dress
up medieval.

Play games:
checkers, dice and
blind man's bluff.

Eat a "trencher"
and make "mead."

Watch video:

Lesson #16.

Learn about
John Wycliff.

Make a
Christmas book.

Make
gingerbread men
and girls.

Make
gingerbread
ornaments out of
sandpaper.



Lesson #17.

Review history
learned so far.
Make a timeline.

Read The Prince
and the Pauper
and Edward VI:
Josiah King (Z, JR)
and The Whipping
Boy (Cody)

Do The Arts,
Recreation, Ways of
Life, Customs
pages.

Watch Video:

Elizabethan/Tudor/Stuart
England

Lesson #18.

Read Essentials
of British History
pg. 18-27.

Read The Foundling, A Parcel of Patterns (Z, JR) Puss in Boots (Shine, Phoebe, Cody)
Color and “mat” Tudor & Elizabethan.
Do Food, Fashion, A Day in the Life, Opinions, and Evaluation pages.
Watch video: Disney video about Henry VIII’s sister.

FEBRUARY
Lesson #19.
Discuss Exploration, Colonization, Spanish Armada and Slave Trade.
Read Robinson Crusoe (Z, JR) A Lion to Guard us (Cody, SJ, P)
Make maps of territories being explored.
Watch video: Hamlet (w/ Mel Gibson)

Lesson #20.
Discuss William Tyndale. The

founding of the church of England, the battle between Catholics and protestants, and James I book of common prayer.
Read The Queen’s Smuggler (JR, Z)

Color and “mat” Shakespeare picture.
Watch video: Midsummer’s Night Dream.

Lesson #21.
Discuss Shakespeare, theatre and English Renaissance.
Read Bard of Avon, Shakespeare for Children (Z, JR, Cody).

Color and “mat” Shakespeare picture.
Watch video: Kiss Me, Kate (Taming of the Shrew)

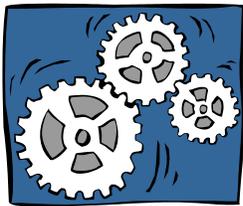
Georgian England
Lesson #22.
Read Essential British History pgs.

28-35.
Read Chimney Sweep’s Ransom and Horseman of the King (JR, Z) A Lion to Guard Us, A Garden of Verses (Cody, Phoebe, Shine)
Play with Pride and Prejudice paper dolls.
Watch video: Pride & Prejudice.

MARCH
Lesson #23.
Discuss John Wesley and Revival.
Discuss the Industrial Revolution and American Independence.
Read Mother Goose poetry (Cody, Shine, Phoebe) The Foundling, Treasure Island and Kidnapped (JR, Z)
Watch video: Sense and Sensibility.

Lesson #24.
Discuss Jacobite Rebellion and accumulation

of Canada,
Australia, and India.



Watch video:

Victorian England
Lesson #25.

Read Essential
British
Historypgs.36-41.

Color Victorian
hotel picture and
“mat.”

Read The
Bandit of Ashley
Down and
Shanghied to China
(Z, JR) Tarzan, King
Solomon’s Mines
(Cody) Beatrix
Potter stories
(Phoebe, Shine)

Watch video:
Tarzan

Lesson #26.

Discuss Charity,
Corn Laws, unions,
nursing, education.

Read Freedom
Fighter (Z, JR)

Color Victorian

Hotel.
Watch video:
Oliver Twist



APRIL

Lesson #27.

Discuss Queen
Victoria and her
family. Prince
Albert’s Glass
Palace.

Read The Light
Princess and
Sherlock Holmes
(JR, Z) The Country
Artist: Beatrix
Potter (all)

Play with
Victoria and Albert
Paper dolls.

Watch video: A
Christmas Carol

Lesson #28.

Discuss
Victorian times.

Read Alice in
Wonderland and
Through the
Looking Glass (JR,
Z)

Have a tea
party.
Watch video:
the Secret Garden

Lesson #29.
Discuss

Color Victorian
Hotel pictures.
Read The Secret
Garden and The
Little Princess, (Z,
JR), A Little Princess
abrg (P, SJ)

Watch video:
Went up a Hill,
Came Down a
Mountain.



Modern England
Lesson #30.

Read Essentials
of British History
pg.42-50.

Read Peter Pan,
Mary Poppins and
Mary Poppins
Comes Back (JR, Z,
Cody) The
Velveteen Rabbit
(SJ, P)

Watch video:
Mary Poppins.

Lesson #31.

Discuss World War I, Great Depression, and Welsh Revival.

Read Goodbye, Mr. Chips, Three Go Searching, From Wales to Westminster and Rainbow Garden (Z, JR)

Watch video:
My Fair Lady

Lesson #32.

Discuss World War II, Welfare state, Winston Churchill, Common Market

and Decolonization.

Read British Bear Caper, Escape from Egypt, and New Zealand Shake-up. (Cody, Phoebe, Sarah Joy) From Wales to Westminster Railway Children (Z, JR)

Read DK Kids London. Make a geographical map and overlay maps of London through the centuries.

Watch video:
Mrs. Miniver

MAY

Lesson #31

Discuss English worship song leaders and writers. Discuss JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis.

Plan a visit to England. Make a travel brochure.

Read The Chronicles of Narnia and The Hobbit (JR, Z).

Watch video:
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Lesson #32.

Discuss British Royal Family.

Read Dr. Dolittle (JR, Z)

Watch video:
Dr. Dolittle



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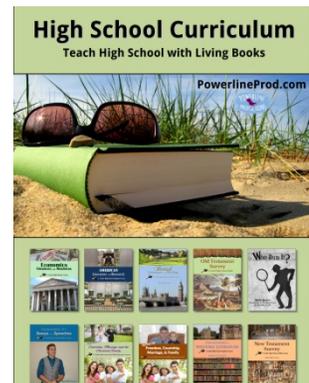
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