



# PIONEERS Co-Op

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## Overview of Mystery of History (Ancient History/Creation – Resurrection) (Grades 6 – 8/9)

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**Textbook:** *Mystery of History* - Volume 1 \*Third Edition (essential)

**Copy Fee:** \$5.00/semester

**Supplies needed:** Please have these supplies on the first day of class

- ◆ Two, 3-ring binders (approximately 1 – 1 ½" each)
- ◆ Eight dividers for notebook
- ◆ 100 lined 3x5 index cards (with a hole punched in the upper left corner for keeping them together with a ring clasp, or the Oxford Company sells a 2-ring binder and matching note cards with 2 holes punched in them in packs of 100).
- ◆ Notebook paper
- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Access to a computer with Internet access will be helpful

**Course Description:** *The Mystery of History* Volume 1 is written from a Christian, young-earth, perspective, teaching children to see God's hand throughout history...and how the Gospel of Jesus is the mystery behind all of history! Written in a conversational style, many lessons are presented in the form of mini-biographies, integrating fascinating stories with the events of the time. Covering creation to the resurrection, students will learn about famous biblical characters, ancient peoples, and well-known men such as Aesop, Buddha, Pythagoras, Confucius, Emperor Asoka, Herodotus, Caesar, Hannibal, and Herod.

Arranged by quarters and weeks, each quarter begins with an "Around the World" summary of events to introduce the time period; lessons progress chronologically with each week having three lessons, a pretest, review, and exercise or quiz. The 108 lessons will take a year to complete if you follow a traditional 36-week school year.

Activities are broken down by age group and reinforce the material just learned through ideas that engage all learning styles; they're based upon the classical grammar/logic/rhetoric stages. **The curriculum includes a suggested schedule for different age groups, so this Pioneers' Mystery of History class will provide 2 tracks: Track B for the younger 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students and Track A for the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to earn a high school history credit. Track A will incorporate additional work in order to meet that requirement.**

**Student Evaluation:** Students will receive a percentage grade each semester based upon the following:

Weekly take-home assignment and quizzes	40%
Attendance	20%
Mid-Term & Final Exams	20%
Participation	20%

### Grading Scale

90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
0-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E