

# USING OUR STATE HISTORY COURSE FOR SECONDARY-LEVEL

The front section of our Master lesson Plan is a teacher-directed, 30-lesson plan that can be easily adjusted to your desired course length and difficulty level by using the Expansion Suggestions in each lesson or by modifying the scope of the assignments in the lesson plans. For example, while a young student may simply paste a free tourist brochure into his project notebook, an older student may be assigned to research and write a report varying in length from one paragraph to multiple pages with added pictures. **In a CLASSROOM setting,** you may lengthen class time to an allotted class period by using the Expansion Suggestions. The suggested research and projects may be done in class or assigned as homework and then discussed or presented orally during the next class period. For use **as an INDEPENDENT STUDY project,** use either the six-week or one-semester independent study guide in the Appendix of the Master Lesson Plan Book. These study guides are written to the student and are the only part of our entire program that may be photocopied **within one class or family** only. **For a concentrated course,** we provide a 10-day plan in the Appendix.

The Student Booklet for your state provides information about your state that will be removed from the Student Booklet and transferred to the project notebook. The Student Booklet may not be copied, so you will need one book per student. **For a high school level, you will want to have the students make the project notebook in a 3-ring binder.** This option teaches organizational skills and allows flexibility in adding additional research projects to the notebook. **In any setting with more than one student,** students can divide a list of topics for each research project assigned and then share the results of their research through oral and written reports that can be added to each student's notebook. In this way, each student includes in his notebook more information than he himself researched. The scope of the suggested research projects is flexible, ranging from a couple of paragraphs to several pages plus pictures.

**Our Student Booklet includes a study guide on your state constitution** (assigned in the one-semester course or can be added in the six-week course). It is an interesting and enlightening study on the Biblical concept of delegated authority and responsibility as well as inter-personal relationships. You may obtain a copy of your state constitution online or from your library. Students read through the constitution, answer the study guide questions, then take a test.

**Another project that is included for secondary level students is a career study** to be done during the economy section. This project provides a great opportunity for your students to explore their options and gather information. We suggest using the Monster.com job aptitude assessment quiz (information is provided in the lesson plans). Our course is flexible enough to meet whatever expectations you have for your secondary students and will provide, at the minimum, a basic but thorough study of your state, with the opportunity to expand the scope of the course according to the preference of the teacher and the interests of the students.