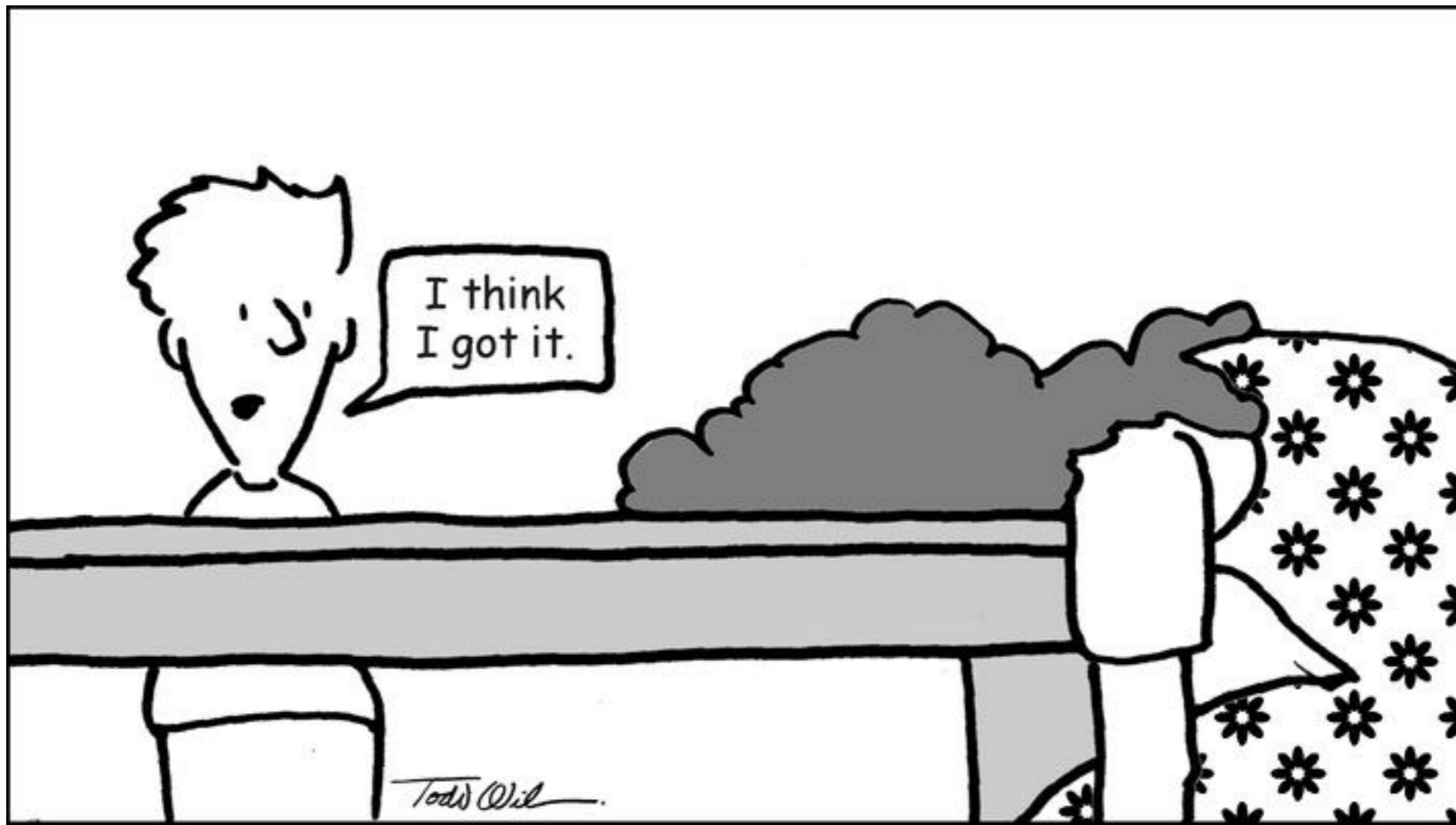


# Learning Styles and Curriculum Choices

Tauna Meyer

Proverbial  
homemaker  
Domestically challenged. Divinely equipped.

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The idea for this cartoon was submitted by Dave Jorgensen.

5 minutes after Mindy died trying,  
Brice finally understood fractions.

# Learning Styles and Curriculum Choices

- Your curriculum choices and preferences will change over time and that's ok.
- You don't have to "get it right" the first time.
- Curriculum is just one tool in your homeschooling toolbox.
- God will equip you with all you need to disciple and educate your children well.

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# HOMESCHOOL PLANNING STARTER PACK

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## PRAYING FOR OUR HOMESCHOOL

### Vision

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.  
Matthew 6:33

### Discipleship

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.  
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

### Learning

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.  
Proverbs 2:6

### Relationships

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.  
Galatians 5:22

### Encouragement

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

### Persistence

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.  
Galatians 6:9

### Planning

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.  
Proverbs 3:6

Scriptures to Encourage My Student

[oceanetwork.org/what-to-teach](http://oceanetwork.org/what-to-teach)

## COURSE OF STUDY

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Resource	Notes

## OUR HOMESCHOOL VISION

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## OUR PRIORITIES

## GOALS FOR THE YEAR

Character & Life Skills

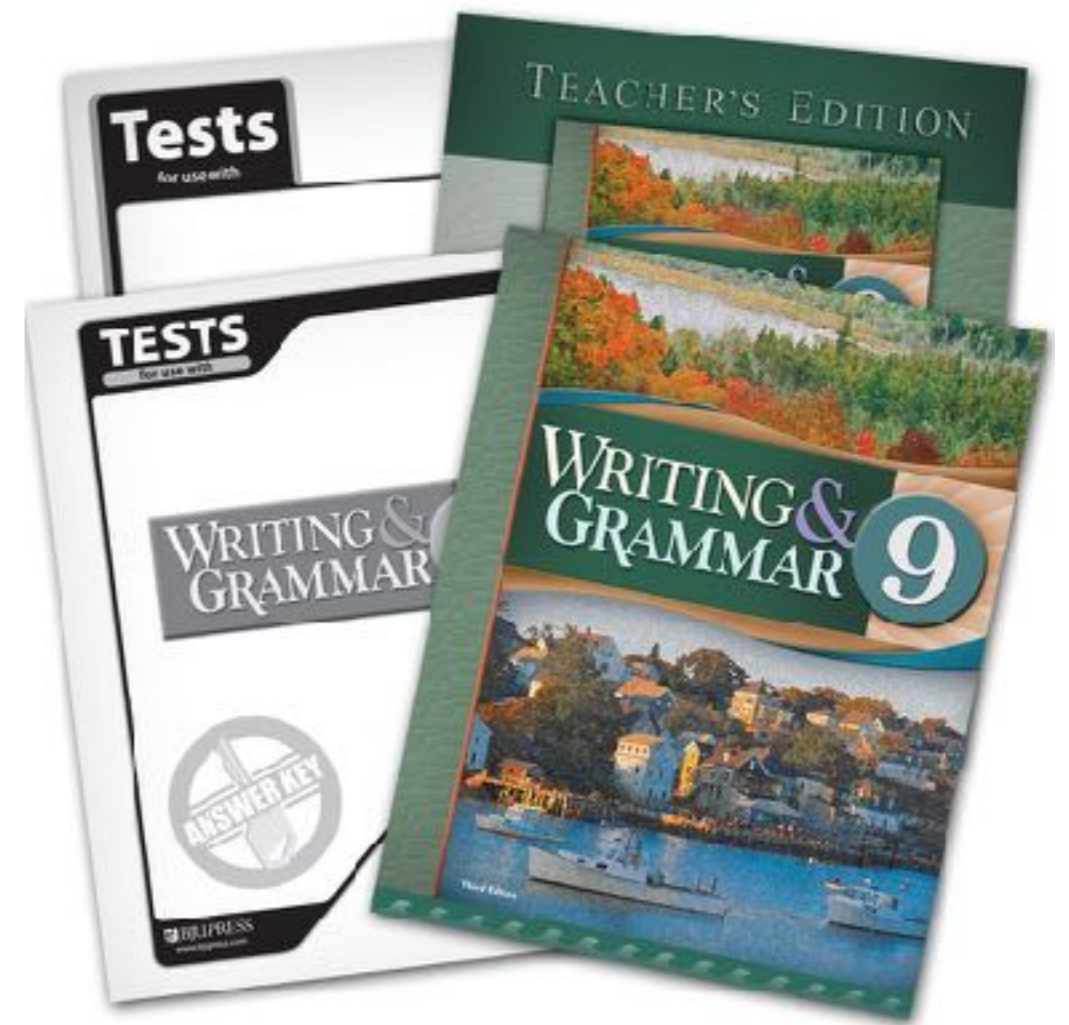


# Curriculum Styles

- Traditional / Textbook
- Charlotte Mason
- Literature-Based
- Unit Studies
- Classical
- Unschooling
- Delight-Directed
- Eclectic
- Other:
  - Principle Approach
  - Thomas Jefferson Education
  - Montessori
  - Etc.
- Multi-level?
- Box Curriculum?
- Online Schools?
- Accreditation?

# Traditional / Textbook

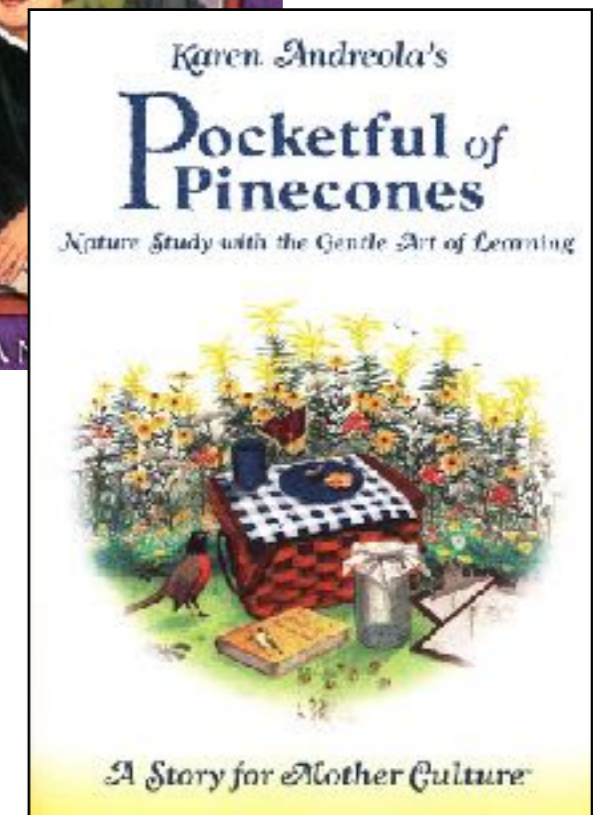
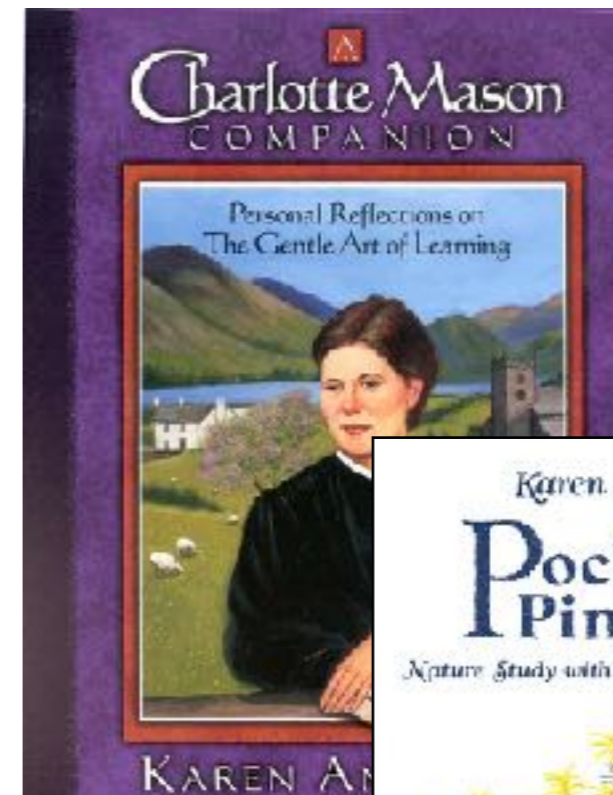
- More like school experience
- Cover a standard scope and sequence
- Generally open-and-go
- May be rigid and dry
- Examples:
  - BJU Press
  - Christian Light Education
  - Abeka





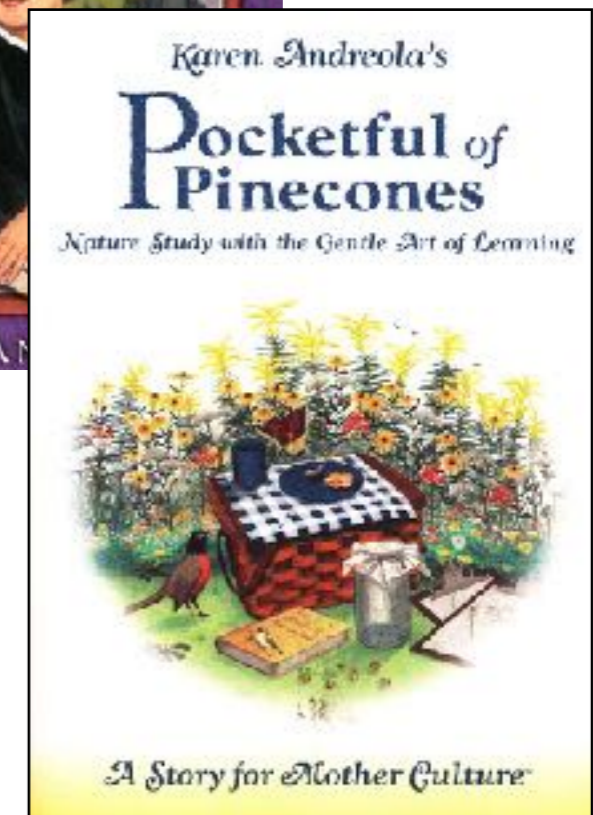
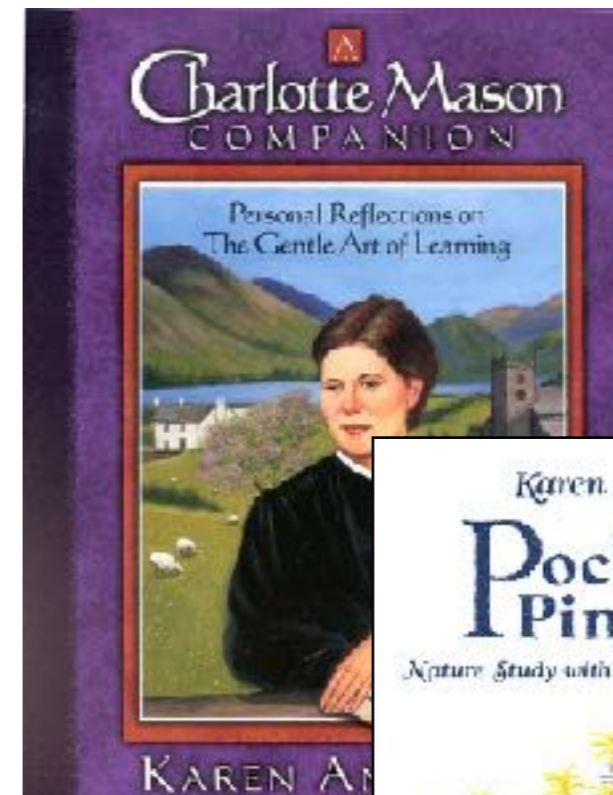
# Charlotte Mason

- Educator named Charlotte Mason
- Read living books and make natural connections
- Nature study
- Copywork and dictation
- Narration
- Examples:
  - Simply Charlotte Mason
  - Ambleside Online
  - A Gentle Feast



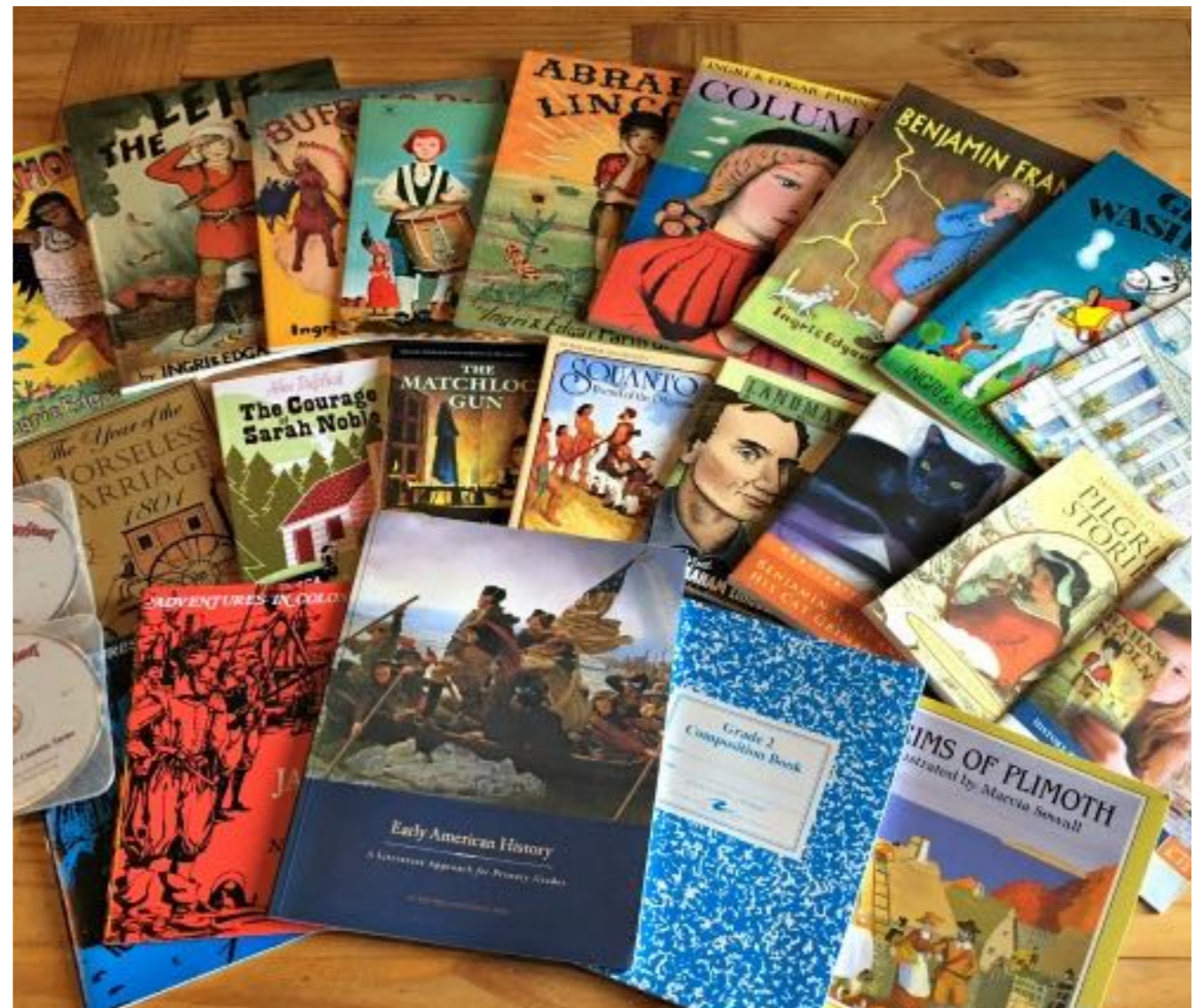
# Charlotte Mason

- Charlotte Mason Companion,  
Karen Andreola
- Pocketful of Pinecones,  
Karen Andreola
- For the Children's Sake,  
Susan Shaeffer Macaulay
- Charlotte Mason  
Homeschooling in 18 Easy Steps,  
eBook by Cindy West



# Literature-Based

- Goes hand-in-hand with CM
- Uses literature instead of textbooks as core learning material
- Examples:
  - Sonlight
  - My Father's World
  - Beautiful Feet Books
  - Heart of Dakota
  - Guest Hollow



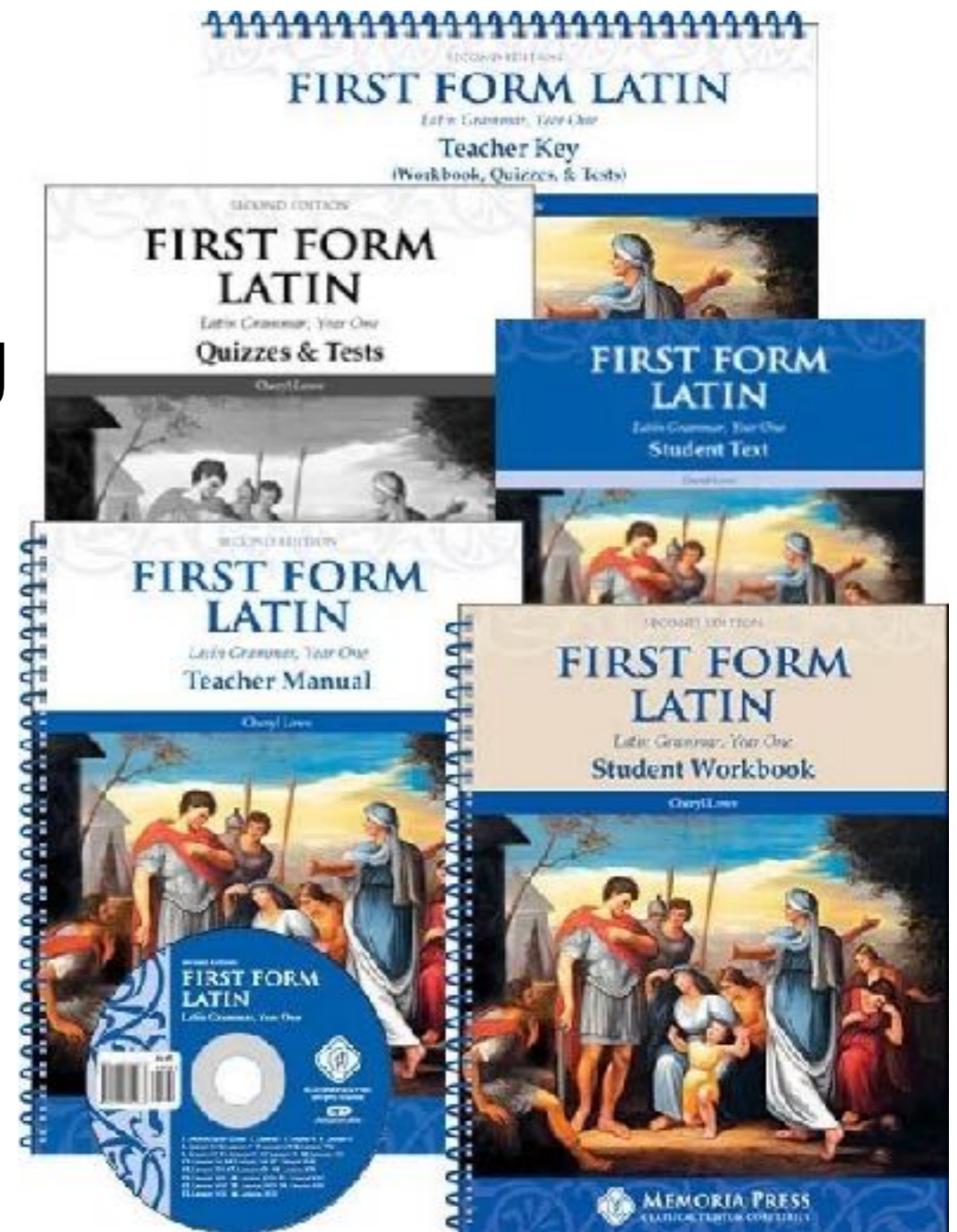
# Unit Studies

- Teaches multiple subject with a focus on one subject or topic
- Streamlines learning
- Multi-level teaching
- Examples:
  - UnitStudy.com
  - Five in a Row
  - Tapestry of Grace
  - BiblioPlan



# Classical

- Trivium: grammar, logic (or dialectic), and rhetoric
- Emphasizes memorizing, reasoning and communicating
- Study of history through classical literature
- Examples:
  - Memoria Press
  - Classical Conversations
  - Veritas Press
  - Claritas Classical Academy



# Unschooling

- Children will learn what they need when they need to
- Learn through life and experience
- Provide a rich learning environment
- No curriculum, generally
- Formal academics only as needed/requested



# Delight-Directed

- Child-led / relaxed homeschooling
- Usually use curriculum for some subjects (esp. the 3 “R’s”)
- Allow room for pursuing interests
- Easily incorporated into other methods



# Eclectic

**"What curriculum  
do you use?"**

**Eclectic**

**Homeschooler:**

*\*pulls up a chair\**

**"How much time  
you got?"**

*Proverbialhomemaker*





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# Learning Styles



**VISUAL**



**AUDITORY**



**KINESTHETIC**

# Visual

- Building (legos, blocks, sticks, graphic design program, etc.)
- Comics
- Flashcards (especially those with graphics or illustrations)
- Puzzles
- Visual games
- Word games
- Books with illustrations
- Taking notes
- Highlighting key concepts
- Use written instructions



## **VISUAL**

- Sight words for spelling
- Watch videos
- Drawing
- Infographics
- Diagrams

# Auditory

- Audiobooks
- Fact memorization songs
- Lectures / spoken presentations
- Discussion
- Podcasts
- Oral narration
- Oral dictation for spelling
- Read-aloud books
- Quiet space for work
- Noise blocking headphones
- Dictating reports



## **AUDITORY**

- Read instructions out loud
- Use video that uses good audio explanations
- Music instruction
- Music while studying

# Kinesthetic

- Frequent breaks with short physical activity (stretching, walks, laps, etc.)
- Work standing or sitting on a stability ball (or upside down on the couch)
- Practice math facts, spelling, etc, while bouncing on a trampoline
- Sandpaper letters and other tactile writing/spelling techniques
- Hands-on learning, crafts, and projects
- Using hand motions or props aid in memorization



## KINESTHETIC

- Brainstorm visually on paper or whiteboards
- Games
- Drawing
- Building
- Experiments
- Manipulatives for math

# Learning Styles

- The Way They Learn, Cynthia Ulrich Tobias
- 8 Great Smarts: Discover and Nurture Your Child's Intelligences, Kathy Koch
- How to Get Your Child Off the Refrigerator and Onto Learning, Carol Barnier

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