

# The Loom: Year 3 Course Descriptions for Rhetoric<sup>1</sup>

## **Western Civilization 3**

This world history course begins with U.S. President John Adams and continues through William McKinley, covering major events of the 1800's. Students will follow developments in the United States, South America, Europe, Australia, China, and Japan. Of particular focus are the Congress of Vienna, Victorian England, Manifest Destiny, Marx and Communism, the American Civil War, and European Imperialism. Students will earn one full credit upon completion of this course. (Another credit option: U.S. History: one-half credit and World History: one-half credit)

## **Classic Literature of the World**

In Year 3, we study *Pride and Prejudice*, *Les Miserables*, *Great Expectations*, *The Scarlet Letter*, and *Crime and Punishment*. Shorter works from authors such as Goethe, Twain, Dickens, Stowe, Crane, Melville, Ibsen, Conrad, Tolstoy, and Wilde, as well as other short works of poetry are read and analyzed. Besides offering a great introduction to these works and learning to use tools of literary analysis, this course ties into the student's historical and worldview studies so that both are enhanced. Students will earn one full credit upon completion of this course. (Another credit option: one-half credit in British Literature and one-half credit in World Literature)

## **Government Studies III**

This elective government course includes the study of key U.S. government documents and Supreme Court decisions throughout the 1800's. Students read large excerpts of *Democracy in America*, by De Tocqueville, and study the upheaval of the Civil War in detail. Students will earn one-half credit upon completion of this course.

## **19th Century Philosophy**

This elective philosophy course includes reading and discussing the words and viewpoints of Kant, Schleiermacher, Hegel, Emerson, Thoreau, Darwin, Marx, Nietzch, and others. Students will earn ½ credit upon completion of this course.

## **Church History: the 1800's**

This church history elective follows the developments within orthodox Christianity in the 1800's in American and in Europe. Of special interest are the many biographies of great missionaries and Christian workers who shaped the church during this century. Also introduced are weakening influences on the church that challenged biblical orthodoxy. Students will earn one-half credit upon completion of this course.

<sup>1</sup> See the associated "credits" document for more details about tailoring course contents to credits earned, including information about credits that can be accumulated over the course of more than one year-plan.