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The Story Of The World: History For The Classical Child, Volume 3: Early Modern Times



Synopsis

This third book in the four-volume narrative history series for elementary students will transform your study of history. The Story of the World has won awards from numerous homeschooling magazines and readers' polls—over 150,000 copies of the series in print! Now more than ever, other cultures are affecting our everyday lives—and our children need to learn about the other countries of the world and their history. Susan Wise Bauer has provided a captivating guide to the history of other lands. Written in an engaging, straightforward manner, *The Story of the World: History for the Classical Child; Volume 3: Early Modern Times* weaves world history into a story book format. Who was the Sun King? Why did the Luddites go around England smashing machines? And how did samurai become sumo wrestlers? *The Story of the World* covers the sweep of human history from ancient times until the present. Africa, China, Europe, the Americas—find out what happened all around the world in long-ago times. Designed as a read-aloud project for parents and children to share together, *The Story of the World* includes each continent and major people group. *Volume 3: Early Modern Times* is the third of a four volume series and covers the major historical events in the years 1600 to 1850, as well as including maps, illustrations, and tales from each culture. Each *Story of the World* volume provides a full year of history study when combined with the *Activity Book*, *Audiobook*, and *Tests*—each available separately to accompany each volume of *The Story of the World Text Book*. *Volume 3* Grade Recommendation: Grades 3-8. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white drawings and maps

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Customer Reviews

Volume three arrived in the mail last week, and I read it in two sittings. It follows the same approach as the first two volumes. The author, Susan Wise Bauer, has targeted this book at young children. It is a great book for thoughtful children. Like the first two books, volume three is written in such a way that it is both entertaining and informative. Most of the other history books I've read have been very United States focused or European centric. Volume three covers every part of the world. You learn what is happening in Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, Africa, India, China, the rest of Asia, and down in Australia & New Zealand. The book covers the time period from about 1500 to 1850. I am surprised by just how much content is in each page. Even though history is presented in an easy flowing story like format, the book is packed with information. There are 42 chapters, each with a focus. The first chapter starts off with The Holy Roman Empire, and how Spain became so rich with all the gold and silver coming out of Central and South America. The book ends with the California Gold Rush in 1849 and does a brief overview of the current state of the world in 1849. In between the book covers topics like the Protestant Rebellion, Warlords of Japan, the Spread of Slavery, Plague in England, the Ottoman Empire, the colonies in the New World, Chi'en-lung's Library, the French Revolution, and lots of wars. The book also covers how technology was changing the world. After the 42 chapters there is a five page timeline to help the reader understand when key events happened relative to other key events. The book doesn't pull any punches. For example in the very first chapter, while talking about all the gold and silver Spain was getting from the New World, we're shown the living conditions of young children working down in the mines. The book doesn't go into graphic detail, but it does mention the warts of history, times and places where evil things happened. To be well rounded and truly educated children need to have a solid understanding of where civilization has been over the last five thousand years. These "Story of the World" books are a good starting point. This is a great way for young children to learn history. If you enjoyed the first two, you will enjoy volume three.

We love these books! We couldn't wait till this latest book in the series came out. This book, like the previous ones, is a history written like a story. Each chapter (topic) is connected to the next and covers history as it happened all over the world. (This one, #3, covers from about 1500- 1850). I

purchased a book for my 10 year old to help him learn history. When history is told in story format so much more is absorbed and remembered later, as well as being more engaging reading. He loves history now. I ended up buying one for his older brother, as well, because he was always borrowing his brothers book. When my 70 year old father came to town (a lover of history)- he picked up the Story World and read the whole thing! He said it was very well written and he mentioned that he was impressed by how straight forward and unbiased it was. I remember so little about what I studied in history as a child, but I know it will be different for my kids -because of "The story of the World". I catch my son sneaking in a few chapters when he is suppose to be doing other things...but I can't get too mad- he's wanting to read History! My youngest son (3rd grade) just started reading this Story World book for himself and he shows the same enthusiasm. I think this book and others in the series are excellent for all ages to learn and develop a love of history. (I am enjoying them now, myself, and maybe my knowledge will eventually catch up to what my kids have learned!) A great choice. I say, to a fantastic writer and educator... Thanks!!! to Susan Bauer for writing these books and sparking a great love and new hobby in our family. Jean in Ohio

We have homeschooled using Oak Meadow curriculum and Volumes 1-2 of SOTW. This third volume looks and reads like it was slapped together to continue the series. First, the layout is very unprofessional. Second, any hint of their being social or cultural history is gone-this is straight this guy conquered this guy conquered this guy conquered this guy. My sons are so bored! The map work is hardly worth doing. And dates are hardly mentioned, even in passing. Maybe this is because, much more than in previous volumes, the story told here is not chronological? We find ourselves googling dates for events as the timeline in the back of the book is incomplete. I am at a loss as to what to do. I wanted to do 1 more year of world history before flipping back in time and doing a close look at American History from colonial times, but this is so dang boring!

Like the previous two volumes, we enjoyed SOTW Vol. 3. It is written in an interesting and engaging style. My younger children enjoyed it as much as my third grader. Susan Wise Bauer does a good job handling some rather difficult and unpleasant parts of History. She did choose to leave out a couple of topics, but explains her reasons at the beginning. My only complaint is the lack of church history that is covered. (There seems to be a decreasing amount of church history covered in each successive volume.)

I am a teacher, and I originally bought this to help me teach my fourth, fifth, and sixth graders.

However, I now love to read it to my son. The book is a really easy and enjoyable read. I think that it is excellent to have for a kid who loves history, is struggling in history, or just needs encouragement for learning history.

Our family loves these books. All the stories are very interesting to listen to. My children retain a lot of factual information while they are hearing a story, not just a textbook. There is so much more to these stories. If you incorporate the Activity Book into the lesson as well, then you can accomplish all different learning styles. We are so happy with this book and series. Thank you Susan Bauer. You know exactly how to write history to multiple age groups.

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