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20th Century World History

Grade: 10-12 | Ages: 16-18

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Understand, engage, & transform the modern world

Level 320 History & Bible (full year)

History and Bible

History 320 Parent Guide

Holzmann & Lykosh. Full schedule, assignments, notes, questions and answers, map points, and timeline dates for 20th Century History. Use this Parent Guide in conjunction with the Student Guide. The Parent Guide is identical to the Student Guide, but also includes answers to the study questions. Ready for your binder.

History 320 Student Guide

Identical to the Parent Guide, but without answers, to allow the student to work independently.

How to Ruin Your Life by 30

Farrar. Every choice comes with consequence. The author uses godly advice and real-life stories to encourage readers toward making good choices and reaping the benefits. Inspiring. Pb. RA: 7-A; R: 9-A

Mere Christianity

Lewis. One of the 20th Century's master wordsmiths presents the case for Christianity—"mere" Christianity: "a hall out of which doors open into several rooms"—the various Christian churches and denominations. People should never stay in the hall, Lewis says, but they must at least enter the hall before they can go into one of the rooms. Learn from this gentle and brilliant author. Excellent. Highly recommended. Pb. RA: 8-A; R: 9-A

7 Men Who Rule the World from the Grave

Breese. Though their bodies lie cold and dormant, the grave cannot contain the influence these seven men have had on today's world. They continue to rule because they have altered the thinking of society. They generated philosophies that have been ardently grasped by masses of people but are erroneous and anti-scriptural. RA: 5-A, R: 7-A

A Night Divided

Nielsen. Set during the time period of the rise of the Berlin Wall. A wonderfully crafted historical novel that is absorbing and deeply suspenseful. Pb. R: 3-7

All Quiet on the Western Front

Remarque. Hailed as "the greatest war novel of all time," the author says his purpose is "simply to tell of a generation of men who, even though they may have escaped shells, were destroyed by" the First World War. Devastating. Pb. RA: 9-A; R: 9-A

The Blackbird Girls

Blankman. Like Ruta Sepetys for middle grade, Anne Blankman pens a poignant and timeless story of friendship that twines together moments in underexplored history. Pb.

China's Long March: 6,000 Miles of Danger

Fritz. Stunning portrayal of one of the defining events in modern Chinese history: the epic 6000-mile trek of Mao Zedong and his men as they sought to escape the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-shek in the mid-1930s. Based on first-person accounts. Hb. RA: 4-A; R: 5-A

First They Killed My Father

Ung. The author's story is that of many Cambodians who lived through the Vietnam War. She describes her life prior to Vietnamese occupation in the capital city of Phnom Penh; several attempts by her family to flee the concentration camps; finally leaving for America and finding a new life, while still searching for her now-separated family. Gripping. Pb. RA: 10-A; R: 10-A

God Spoke Tibetan

Maberly. Translating the Bible into Tibetan was ridiculously difficult. Follow a disgraced Tibetan official, a hapless courier, Christian missionaries, native translators and more, to hear the story of how the Bible came to the Tibetan people in their own language. So many horrific setbacks and discouragements through the 100 years of translation before the Tibetan Bible was finished, so many people needed... and yet God's purpose goes forward. Pb. RA: 5-A; R: 7-A

The Green Glass Sea

Klages. In 1943 11-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is en route to New Mexico to live with her mathematician father. She arrives at a town that, officially, doesn't exist. Los Alamos is abuzz with activity, as scientists and mathematicians from all over America and Europe work on the biggest secret of all—the gadget. None of them, least of all Dewey, can know just how much their lives are about to change. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

Hero in the Empire

Millard. This thrilling biographical account of the life and legacy of Winston Churchill is a nail-biter and top-notch character study rolled into one. Pb.

The Hiding Place

Ten Boom. The worldwide bestseller about a staunchly Christian Dutch family whose faith overcomes the worst of the Nazi holocaust. Challenging and uplifting. Pb. RA: 5-A; R: 7-A

Living On the Devil's Doorstep

McClung. A very "straight" preacher's kid becomes a minister to hippies, drug addicts, prostitutes, and other societal drop-outs, first in Kabul, Afghanistan, and then on the streets of Amsterdam, Holland. Challenging. Pb. RA: 6-A; R: 8-A

Made You Look

Graydon. How advertising works, and what your kids (a prized demographic) should know. Familiar examples get unbiased review, raising teens' critical awareness of the messages filling their world. Pb. RA: 5-A

Modern History in Pictures

Smithsonian. Modern History in Pictures: A Visual Guide to the Events that Shaped Our World explores these earth-shattering events as never before, offering unique insight into the century that has so keenly shaped our own modern world. Hb.

One day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

Solzhenitsyn. Nobel Prize-winning author tells the story of one man and "just one of the three thousand six hundred and fifty-three days of his sentence" in a Siberian prison camp during Stalin's rule. Hunting. Pb. RA: 7-A; R: 8-A

Red Scarf Girl

Jiang. Multiple award-winner. A devastating, first-person story of the Chinese Cultural Revolution under Chairman Mao in the Late '60s. Pb. RA: 5-A; R: 5-A

The Road from Home

Kherdian. Newbery Honor. The author writes a true-to-life fictionalized autobiography of his mother—a young Armenian girl in Turkey during the "other" 20th century Holocaust that was a prelude to Stalin, Hitler, and others. Pb. RA: 7-A; R: 9-A

The Six Day Hero

Stein. Motti knows that war is coming. Israel is only nineteen years old—the same age as Motti's brave older brother, Gideon—and the tiny country is surrounded by enemies. It's only a matter of time before Egypt, Jordan and Syria attack. Motti wishes he could join the Israeli army like Gideon and be a hero. But when his best friend's family flees the country and his brother goes off to fight, Motti realizes this war isn't a game. His family is in danger, and Israel's very survival is at stake. RA: 4-A, R: 4-A

The Story That Cannot Be Told

Kramer. The story of a girl finding her voice and the strength to use it during the final months of the Communist regime in Romania in 1989. RA: 3-A, R: 3-A

There's a Sheep in My Bathtub

Hogan. Watch an unreachd people explode with the Gospel—not in the first century, but in ours! Like this American family in remote, mysterious Outer Mongolia, you will believe God can still do the impossible. Pb. RA: 5-A

You Want WOMEN to Vote Lizzie Stanton?

Fritz. A simple but thorough introduction to the work and words of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the pioneers in the women's suffrage movement. What virtually everyone in the West today takes for granted was sharply opposed by virtually every conservative Christian little more than a century ago... While the text is easy to read, the realities behind it, for those who think about it, are emotionally and intellectually troubling. Pb. illus. RA: 4-A; R: 6-A

Warriors Don't Cry

Beals. In this essential autobiographical account by one of the Civil Rights Movement's most powerful figures, Melba Pattillo Beals of the Little Rock Nine explores not only the oppressive force of racism, but the ability of young people to change ideas of race and identity. RA: 4-A, R: 4-A

World War I

Maybury. Writing in the episitatory style of other “Uncle Eric” books, Richard Maybury breaks down the influences, causes, and effects of World War I in easily digestible letters. **RA:** 4-A; **R:** 6-A

Why I Believe: Straight Answers to Honest Questions about God, the Bible, and Christianity **NEW!**

This is the perfect resource for anyone who longs not only to really know what and why they believe but also to be equipped to explain the intellectual justification for their faith in everyday language.

The Case for Christ **NEW!**

Is there credible proof that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? In *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel retraces his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith and builds a captivating case for Christ’s divinity.

20th Century World Literature

Experience mature, thoughtful, beautiful works of the 20th Century

Level 330 Literature (full year)

Literature

Literature 330 Parent Guide

Holzmann & Lykosh. Full schedule, assignments, notes, questions and answers, writing assignments, vocabulary, and cultural literacy for 20th Century Literature. Use this Parent Guide in conjunction with the Student Guide. The Parent Guide is identical to the Student Guide, but also includes answers to the study questions. Ready for your binder.

Literature 330 Student Guide

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Alas, Babylon

Frank. An engaging modern-day Robinson Crusoe adventure: survival after a nuclear attack destroys all civilization outside the confines of a small Florida town. **Pb. RA:** 6-A; **R:** 8-A

Brave New World

Huxley. A bleak look at a utopian world in which human beings are made to love servitude and totalitarian government. Written in 1931, Huxley’s “prophetic voice has remained surprisingly contemporary, both in its particular forecasts and in its tone of semi-serious alarm.” One of those books you “must read” if you are to be well educated. **Pb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 9-A

Children of the River

Crew. After fleeing Cambodia, Sundara must adjust to life in American near the end of the 20th Century. Though the horrors of the past remain, she must go on with different customs and new relationships. Excellent. **Pb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 9-A

The Contender

Lipsyte. Alfred Brooks, an inner-city high school dropout, learns, through the disciplines of boxing, what it takes to win the battles of life. Fascinating and moving. **Pb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 7-A

Cry, the Beloved Country

Paton. The magnificent, deeply moving story of a dignified Zulu pastor and his son in mid-20th Century South Africa: a land riven by racial injustice. A classic work of love, hope, courage and endurance. Sad and intense. **Pb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 9-A

The Great Brain

Fitzgerald. Tom, *The Great Brain*, puts his mind to use in creating all manner of hilarious mischief in a turn-of-the-century Utah town. **Hb, illus. RA:** 3-A; **R:** 4-A

The Great Gatsby

Fitzgerald. The quintessential novel of “Roaring 20s” America. Gatsby, a young man who has made a quick fortune through unscrupulous means, seeks to use his wealth to win the affections of Daisy, a married woman of the upper class. A devastating look at the emptiness of life with wrong values. **Pb. RA:** 9-A; **R:** 9-A

The Great Gilly Hopkins

Paterson. Newbery Honor. A foster girl learns what true love is and what it means to belong. Riveting. **Pb. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 6-A

Heart of Darkness

Conrad. Set in turn-of-the-century Congo, West Africa, *Heart of Darkness* is considered one of the Century’s literary masterpieces. A study in human corruption and despair. **Pb. RA:** 8-A; **R:** 9-A

Heart to Heart

Greenberg, ed. Subtitled *New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art*, this book combines poems with full-color reprints of famous American works of art (Pollock, Man Ray, Lichtenstein, O’Keeffe). Some poems tell a story inspired by the painting; some speak as an object or person in the work of art; some are clearly inspired by the paintings but make no pretense of being part of the works of art. An artist’s delight! **Hb. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 6-A

Hope Was Here

Bauer. Newbery Honor. Hope and her aunt move from New York to Wisconsin to run a diner. The kind owner runs for mayor against the corrupt incumbent. On the dark side, there is cancer and political corruption. But on the light side, there is deep healing, effective protest and change, and love. **Pb. RA:** 6-A; **R:** 7-A

Kon-Tiki

Heyerdahl. A classic true tale of men against the sea . . . and against scientific orthodoxy. How six young men proved, in 1947, that a prehistoric voyage from South America to Polynesia was possible—contrary to the predictions of scientists and scholars. Heyerdahl’s work has led to a revolution in thinking about the roots of South Pacific civilizations. Fascinating! **Pb. RA:** 6-A; **R:** 8-A

The Metamorphosis

Kafka. Classic Kafka: the story of a young man who, transformed into a giant insect, becomes an object of disgrace to his family and an outsider in his own home. What does it mean to be truly and fully human? Thought-provoking. **Pb. RA:** 9-A; **R:** 9-A

The Moves Make the Man

Brooks. Newbery Honor. Jerome Foxworthy tells the story of his friend, a white boy named Bix. Basketball—played straight or with fakes—becomes an allegory for life. Engrossing. Brilliantly written. **Pb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 7-A

Murder on the Orient Express

Christie. The famed Belgian detective Hercule Poirot is traveling on the unusually crowded Orient Express when a notorious gangster is found murdered. Poirot takes the case, knowing the killer is clever, ruthless, and still on board. One of Christie’s most famous mysteries. Perfect introduction to the murder mystery genre. **Pb. RA:** 6-A; **R:** 8-A

My Father’s Daughter

Konigsburg. Young Winston Carmichael and his handicapped younger sister have been virtual prisoners in their mansion since birth. Years before, their elder half sister, Caroline, was kidnapped. Believed dead, she reappears right before the deadline to collect her inheritance . . . or does she? A mind-bender. A family mystery. A story of redemption. Beautifully written. Love it. **Pb. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 7-A

The Old Man and the Sea

Hemingway. A towering story of man against nature, victory in defeat. Haunting. **Pb. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 7-A

Parallel Journeys

Ayer. How did Hitler get normal German citizens to do his evil will? The author interweaves the personal narratives of a 10-year-old who proudly joined the Hitler Youth in 1938, and a young German Jewish woman. See how they experienced the war, how it ended, and what happened to them afterward. **Pb, photos. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 6-A

Robert Frost’s Poems

Frost. Because of his accessibility and pleasing depictions of rural life, Frost is, perhaps, one of the most appealing of the 20th Century poets. Enjoy all of the master poet’s best-loved works, and dozens more. This thorough anthology (over 100 poems) should be a home library essential. **Pb. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 7-A

The Snow Goose

Gallico. A short fairy-tale sort of book, about a kind hunchback and the girl who brings him a wounded snow goose, ending with the evacuation at Dunkirk. A perennial favorite since first published in 1940. Beautiful. **Hb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 9-A

The Tempest

Shakespeare. A decade and a half after great treachery, the paths of the betrayed and the betrayer again cross. Includes a measure of mistaken identity, romance, and reconciliation. Modern English side-by-side with the original text. **Pb. RA:** 6-A; **R:** 8-A

Walk Two Moons

Creech. Newbery Award. A deep, exquisitely-textured story, about a 13-year-old girl, her parents and grandparents, and about relationships, living, and dying. **Pb. RA:** 5-A; **R:** 7-A

The Wave

Strasser. Just how does mob rule develop? How could anyone participate in atrocities? Based on a true story, a thought experiment goes bad quickly in a high school. A sober warning tale. **Pb. RA:** 7-A; **R:** 7-A

The Wednesday Wars

Schmidt. Newbery Honor. One of my “eight on a desert island” books. A middle schooler and his teacher study Shakespeare, against the backdrop of the Vietnam War. My favorite coming-of-age story of all time. It is so, so beautiful. This is one of my comfort books. There are still parts that make me cry, many reads later. **Pb. RA:** 6-A; **R:** 7-A