

## YEAR 2 FAMILY RESOURCE LIST

### *Middle Ages: Birth of Christ to 1500 AD*

#### Spines\*

##### Family Resource Books

*Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages* by Susan Wise Bauer

*The European World* by Barbara A. Hanawalt

*History of US* by Joy Hakim (volumes 1)

*Knights & Damsels: an Activity Guide* by Laurie Carlson

*The Middle Ages* by Mary Quigley

\*Spines are books you can read to get a good overview and/or use throughout the year by reading sections to cover the key events of the time period. *After getting a good overview of the specific event and time, you can read historic fictions, biographies and stories that surround that event or time period. This is a great way to help children see and feel history. Timelines are a great way to tie all the historical events so you can see how it fits together.*

#### Books by Anchor Dates\*

Anchor dates are key dates in history that attach to a specific event and connect to other events and people of that time period. The “anchor” helps students remember key periods and people in history and the general time they took place.

##### **0 Birth of Christ**

(0-400 Classic Era)

Key events: Birth of Christ/Crucifixion/Resurrection, Paul’s Mission, Apostles Die, truth of Gospel lost world falls into age of darkness, Nero Burns Rome/ Christian Persecution, Rome Splits, Constantine, Niacin Council

##### Younger

*Augustus Caesar’s World* by Genevieve Foster

*The Silver Branch* by Rosemary Sutcliff

##### Middle

*Song of Charlemagne* by Barbara Willard

*The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare. Jesus time

*The Ides of April* by Mary Ray

##### Older

*Kingdom of the Crown* Series by Gerald N. Lund

(Kingdom of the Crown, Come Unto Me, and Behold the Man)

##### **476 Fall of Rome**

Key events: Fall of Rome, St Patrick, St Augustine, St Benedict, Rise of Byzantine Empire, Justinian & Theodora, Charlemagne, Mohammad , Three Empires—Christian, Byzantine, Islam,

Rise of Islam, Holy Roman Empire, Clovis & Clotilda , Battle of Tours, Barbarian Invasions

Younger

*Life in Ancient Rome* by John Green

Middle

*Rolf and the Viking Bow* by Allen French

*Augustine Came to Kent* by Barbara Willard

*The Fall of the Roman Empire* by Michael Grant

Older

*The Fall of Rome: And the End of Civilization* by Bryan Ward-Perkins

*The Later Roman Empire: A.D. 354-378* by Ammianus Marcellinus

**1076 Battle of Hastings/ William the Conqueror**

Key events: Viking Invasions, Herold Godwin/ Harald Hadrada, Great Skism—church splits—  
Roman Catholic/Eastern Orthodox, Feudal System, Crusades  
Genghis Khan, Magna Carta, Chaucer

Younger

*The Apple and the Arrow* by

*The World of Columbus and Sons* by Genevieve Foster

*Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Janet Gray

Middle

*The Magna Carta* by James Daugherty

*Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Gray

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* by J.R. R. Tolkien

*The Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle (*children's classic or unabridged*)

*Canterbury Tales Retold* by Geraldine McCaughrean

*The Trumpeter of Krakow* by Eric P. Kelly

*King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table* by Roger Lancelyn Green

*In Freedom's Cause* by G. A. Henty

*Galileo* by Jeanne Bendick

Older

*The Prince by Machiavelli* (1513)

*Utopia by Thomas More* (1516)

*Queen Eleanor: Independent Spirit of the Medieval World* by Polly Schoyer

*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi

*The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer and Nevill Coghill

*Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo and Michael Foreman

*Joan of Arc: Warrior Saint* by Jay Williams

**1492 Columbus**

Key events: Marco Polo, Explorers, Rise of Spanish Empire, Printing Press, Reformation, War of the Roses, Joan of Arc, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, Ferdinand & Isabella

### Younger

*Marco Polo* by Demi

*Marco Polo for Kids* by Janis Herbert

### Middle

*The Light and the Glory for Children* by Peter Marshall

### Older

*The Travels of Marco Polo* by Marco Polo

*Morning Star of the Reformation* by Andy Thomson

*Fine Print* by Joann Johansen Burch & Kent Alan Aldrich

*The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall

## **1607 Queen Elizabeth**

Key events: Queen Elizabeth, Henry VIII, Church of England, Bloody Mary, Spanish Armada, New England Colonies, Renaissance, Shakespeare

*Good Queen Bess* by Diane Stanley

*Eyewitness: Renaissance* by Alison Cole

*Masters of the Renaissance* by Jim Weiss

*Galileo's Learning Tower Experiment* by Wendy MacDonald

## **General Selections for Middle Ages Time Period**

### Younger

*The Middle Ages* by Mary Quigley

*A Medieval Feast* by Alike

*Cross-section Castles* by Stephen Biesty

*Summer Birds* by Margarita Engle

*A Year in a Castle* by Rachel Coombs

*The Making of a Knight* by Patrick O'Brien

*The Silk Route* by John S. Major

### Middle

*The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite De Angeli

*The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander

*The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy

*Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain

### Older

*Courage and Conviction: Chronicles of the Reformation of the Church* by Brandon Withrow

## **Movies**

Braveheart

The Pied Piper (1972)

The Princess and the Goblin (1991)

Quest for Camelot (1998)

Robin Hood (1938, 1973, 1991, 2010) *Parental Discretion Advised*

Richard III (1953)

Jack the Giant Slayer (2013)

A Knight's Tale (2001) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
King Arthur (2004) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
Kingdom of Heaven (2005) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
The Sword and the Stone (1963)  
Merlin (British TV Series) can view on Netflix  
Excalibur (1981) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
Lady Hawke (1985)  
How to Train Your Dragon (2010)  
Henry V (1989)  
Season of the Witch (2008) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
Joan of Arc (1948, 1999) Make sure you get the Leelee Sobieski 1999 version the other one that came out that year is horrible  
Ivanhoe (1952)  
The Lion in Winter (1968, 2003)  
Francesco (1989)  
The Vikings (1958)  
The Long Ships (1964)  
Alfred the Great (1969)  
1066 (2005) *Tells of the Battle of Hastings, the battle that changed the entire social landscape Europe*  
Knights of the Round Table (1953)  
Crusades (1935)  
The Black Shield of Falworth (1954)  
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1949)  
Pope Joan (1972)  
Macbeth (1948, 1971)  
Hamlet (1990)  
The Bruce (1996)  
Francis of Assisi (1961)  
King Richard and the Crusaders (1954)  
Timeline (2003) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
The Black Arrow (1944, 1985)  
The Mongols (1961)  
The Conqueror (1956) *John Wayne portrays Genghis Khan*  
Arn: the Knight Templar (2007) *Parental Discretion Advised*  
Sword of the Valiant (1984)