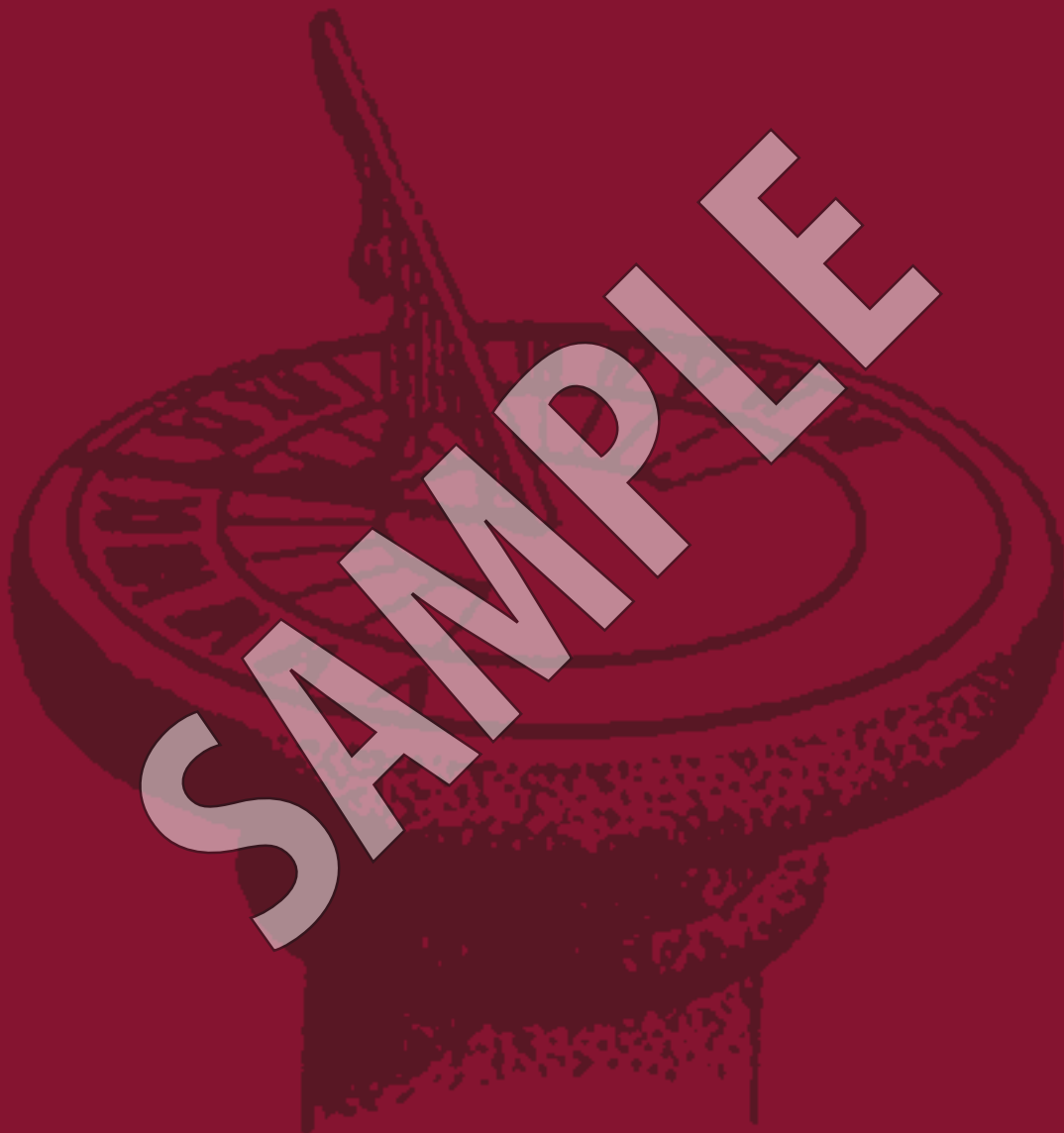


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A Book of Centuries is one of those things that has been on my to-do list since I quit doing a wall timeline in late 2009. I've printed a couple, tried my hand at them as a family project, and fizzled. I tried to add every interesting figure and event and fretted over leaving something out. In reality, I was overcomplicating the whole process! As a result, I set about learning more about how Charlotte Mason dealt with the issue of chronicling time. I discovered that this keeping of time should be a delight and not a burden and that there are many interpretations of the best way to achieve that goal - wall timeline, timeline in a book or on the computer, or a book of centuries. No two books should be exactly alike, but rather each keeper of time should personalize his book by chronicling those events, people, and moments how he sees fit. This book is my own attempt at doing so. I hope that you will find it useful as you begin your own journey to chronicle time.

- Christie

P.S.

This 2nd edition condenses the content of the original, keeping all of the elements, but shortening each century to a single two-page spread. This is more in line with how Charlotte's students marked time and most importantly to me, it makes the book thinner, more portable, and less unwieldy.

Sample Pages

20th Century A.D.

Noteworthy

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Brief Narrative of Century

The twentieth century was a time of marked technological advances. Things not dreamed of were invented and improved upon at a rapid-fire pace...

Helpful Articles, Templates, and Tidbits

- *The Book of Centuries* by Mrs. G.M. Barnau
from *The Parent's Review*, Volume 34 (1923), pp. 720–724
- *The Book of Centuries Revisited* by Laurie Bestvater
at <http://childlightusa.wordpress.com>
- *The Teaching of Chronology* by Dorothea Beale
from *The Parent's Review*, Volume 2 (1891–92), pp. 81–90
- *Book of Centuries Q & A* by Sonya Shafer
on [YouTube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- Book of Centuries template
available at SimplyCharlotteMason.com
- *How and When to Begin a Book of Centuries*
at www.charlottemasonhelp.com
- P.N.E.U. student examples
at <http://charlottemason.redeemer.ca/PNEU-Briefcase/PNEU-Box24/pneu162/i3p43-p86pneu162.pdf>
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There is a plethora of information out there. Do some snooping and find more that's helpful to you!

B.C.

Creation to the 31st Century B.C.

Early Artifacts

30th Century B.C.

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