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Your Questions Answered:

High School



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You *can* homeschool the Charlotte Mason way through high school!

Your Questions Answered: High School gives the practical help that you need to walk through the high school years with confidence. It offers you valuable wisdom from veteran Charlotte Mason home educators, detailed answers to more than 60 reader-submitted questions, and personal interviews with CM homeschool graduates.

The clear answers and step-by-step Craft Your Plan exercises will make sure you know how to

- customize a high school experience that fits your individual student,
- design a schedule that works for your student and the rest of your family,
- earn the needed credit hours while still spreading the feast of a Charlotte Mason education,
- evaluate your student's work and give appropriate grades,
- create a solid transcript that reflects the work your student has accomplished,
- level up your high schooler's narration and composition skills,
- guide your student to the next step after high school.

Plus, you will learn how to prepare your young adult for life with self-education, good habits, strong willpower, time-management skills, and more!

Yes, you can confidently homeschool through high school with the Charlotte Mason Method. *Your Questions Answered: High School* will be your guide!

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Introduction

It's exciting to talk to more and more homeschoolers who are educating their children all the way through high school. Those high school years can be very rewarding and challenging at the same time, and Charlotte Mason's methods give a great balance between discipline and enjoyment in those years.

But as I talk with parents who have older students, they often confide that their approach to the high school years is accompanied by a bit of anxiety, some second-guessing, and a lot of questions.

For example, here are some questions I've been asked recently:

- Is narration enough for high school?
- How do you keep lessons short in those upper grades?
- Should I give my high school student a weekly checklist of assignments and the order in which they should be done or let him manage his time? If he manages his own time, how can I make sure he is varying the sequence of subjects?
- Which is more important: page count or number of books?
- What would an exam week look like at that level?
- How do I award high school credits for subjects that are mainly reading and narrating?

All good questions. And I figured other parents probably had more. So we issued an invitation to thousands of homeschooling parents who use the Charlotte Mason approach: What questions do you have about homeschooling high school students with Charlotte Mason's methods?

The first section of this book is a collection of the questions we received and my answers. Of course, I don't claim to know everything or have all the answers, but I am more than willing to share my thoughts and ideas and give encouragement. I have graduated three high school students using a Charlotte Mason approach, and I am happy to share with you what I've learned along the way. Plus, this book will include ideas and comments from other veteran CMers who have high school students and graduates, as well as from several CM graduates themselves.

Each chapter includes a Craft Your Plan exercise to help you wrap your head around the high school years one bit at a time. I encourage you to complete those exercises as you work your way through the book. If you take the time to do them as you go along, you will feel well-prepared to guide your student through high school when you finish them.

The second section of this book offers guidance in some key components of preparing your student for life. You see, in the scheme of things, four years of high school is a short span; four years of college is also just a drop in the bucket. Yes, you want to do your best to provide an excellent education for your child, but you also need to keep your perspective.

Life is longer than four years. And if you are focused head-down on simply getting your child ready for graduation or getting him ready for college, you are doing him a disservice. So in that second section, you will find encouragement and practical ideas to help you keep a long-range perspective and equip your child well for life.

Some of you may be facing high school right now; others may be just starting on your homeschool journey and won't be facing high school for many years yet. No matter where you

are in your journey, it's always good to get a preview of what lies ahead. I hope that this book will help you clarify what direction you're heading. You move toward what you focus on. So hopefully, by getting a clear picture of a Charlotte Mason high school established in your mind now, you will be able to walk confidently through the high school years the Charlotte Mason way.