



Self-Teaching
Methodology
Turns Kids
into
Independent
Learners

Superb Educational Results

... with Far Less Teacher Time

From phonics to physics, these 22 CDs and a set of Saxon math books are all that you need to give your children a superior education. You can use this curriculum to supplement your children's current schooling or as a stand-alone education using the included self-study methods.

They teach themselves to think.

The Robinson children teach themselves (as do the 60,000 children now using this system) so well that their 11th and 12th grade work is equivalent to high quality 1st and 2nd year university instruction in science, history, literature, and general education.

They also teach themselves study habits that do not depend upon planned workbooks, teacher interaction, and other aids that will not be available later in life.

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Many home schools are limited by the burden of teaching that is placed on parents. Dr. Robinson has spent less than

15 minutes per day teaching all six children ages 6 through 18. Yet, both of his oldest students scored over 1400 on the SAT (over 1500 on the new SAT) and received two years of advanced placement in college. The younger children are doing as well.

Teach your children to teach themselves and to acquire superior knowledge as did many of America's most outstanding citizens in the days before socialism in education.

Give children access to a good study environment and the best books in the English language and then get out of their way! All Curriculum books may be viewed on the computer screen and printed with included software.

This unique curriculum will save you hours of teaching time each day and will give your students an opportunity to develop superior knowledge and life-long study habits.

One caution do not use this curriculum unless you are willing for your children to be academically more learned than you.

✔ Includes

22 CD-ROMs, deluxe softcover folding CD case, printable books, science program, vocabulary, phonics, and math flash cards. [\[MORE...\]](#)] Note: Does **not** include the [Saxon Math](#) books.

✔ Rated #1 Curriculum

- by Practical Homeschooling
- 2004 Annual Reader Awards



✔ Flexible

Use as a standalone homeschool curriculum or as a supplement to your children's current school education; all books, science program, and vocabulary, phonics, and math flash cards included.

- You can find out where to start older children [here](#).

✔ Value Priced

The total price of the Robinson Curriculum is \$195 - onetime. Regular shipping is included free. No matter how many children you have you only need to purchase one curriculum for them all

Complete 12-Year Education

Most importantly, this curriculum teaches children to think

If you could only have one home school resource, this curriculum would be the one. Developed by an outstanding scientist and his six home schooled children with the help of their professional and personal co-workers, the curriculum offers self-taught preparation of children for the modern world. This includes education in math, physical science, history, literature, economics, and general studies.

... give your students an opportunity to develop superior knowledge and superb life-long study habits.

Most importantly, this curriculum teaches children to think productively and provides them with study procedures that will facilitate learning when they become adults. The curriculum includes a program of self study that requires almost no teacher interaction. This unique curriculum will save you hours of teaching time each day and will give your students an opportunity to develop superior knowledge and superb life-long study habits.

In 1988, Laurelee Robinson, Dr. Robinson's wife, and also a scientist, had accumulated several filing cabinets filled with teacher-based home school materials from many different sources. She was actively schooling their children - Zachary age 12, Noah, age 10, Arynne age 8, Joshua age 6, and Bethany age 6. Matthew, age 16 months, was not yet in school.

Then, in a sudden illness lasting less than 24 hours, Laurelee Robinson died. With responsibility for his wife's work as well as his own, Dr. Robinson was not able to

utilize most of the home school materials she had gathered. These materials required a teacher.

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Using techniques that he and his most accomplished colleagues use in their own work, Dr. Robinson's primary goals were to teach the children to think effectively, to learn independently, and to be well prepared with the basic skills and knowledge that must be learned early in life.

Note: All materials are to be printed out and assigned to the students as directed in the Course of Study. Only the parents are to use the computer (with the exception of a computer based vocabulary drill tester for older students).

Four Keys to Learning

Environment, Habits, Course of Study, High Quality Books

The keys to this are study environment, study habits, course of study, and **high quality books**.

The self-teaching home school that the Robinson children developed has been so effective that each of the children is far surpassing Dr. Robinson's own accomplishments at equivalent ages - even though he was, himself, so well prepared that he was accepted by MIT, Harvard, Rice, and CalTech. After graduation from CalTech and then the

University of California at San Diego, he was immediately given a faculty position at UCSD and was considered one of the best prepared young scientists of his generation.

Children using this curriculum are able to advance at their own rate ...

Moreover, this teaching program requires almost no teacher interaction. It is not dependent upon the teachers individual education, and it routinely allows the student to acquire skills and knowledge that are beyond those of their parents.

Academic knowledge is in books. Each child must learn to extract and use that knowledge to the greatest extent that his or her abilities permit. This curriculum enables the student to learn these skills with very little teacher help, and it provides the student with 120,000 pages of knowledge from the greatest science, history, literature, economics, reference, and general education books in the English language. These are reinforced by frequent and appropriate examinations.

Home schooling not only provides a superior childhood and family environment, it also has potential to transform American society by building new generations of more capable young adults. Home schooling is, however, often held back by the academic education of the parents or by their lack of time to become home school teachers.

The Robinson Curriculum solves both of these problems. Children using this curriculum are able to advance at their own rate through learning of skills and facts whether or not their parents have this knowledge - and to do so on their own without an active teacher. The Robinson Home School Curriculum Version 2.2 is an extraordinary system of home-education that exceeds, in quality and effectiveness, any other home-school curriculum - and at a very low price.

Independent of Parent Skills

Children Learn Whether Parents Have Skills and Time or Not

This teaching program requires almost no teacher interaction. It is not dependent upon the parent's individual education, and it routinely allows the students to acquire skills and knowledge that are beyond those of the parents.

Books contain knowledge that children need. Each child must learn to extract and use that knowledge to the greatest extent that his or her abilities permit. This curriculum enables the student to learn these skills with very little teacher help, and it provides the student with 120,000 pages of knowledge from the greatest science, history, literature, economics, reference, and general education books in the English language. These are reinforced by frequent and appropriate examinations.

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Curriculum Contents List

120,000 Pages of Outstanding Materials

The Robinson Home
School Curriculum
Version 2.2 includes:

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features

1. **Books:** More than 250 very high quality books. Academic knowledge is in books - especially books that are carefully chosen. See '[Best Books](#)' below.

- Books
- Encyclopedia
- Dictionary
- Science Texts
- Fast Software
- Special Illustrations
- Examinations
- Language Skills
- Phonics & Arithmetic
- Vocabulary

- Course of Study

2. **Encyclopedia:** The complete 30,000 page 1911 *Encyclopedia Britannica* with special onscreen reading software for its use. The 1911 *Britannica* is generally acknowledged to have been the greatest encyclopedia ever written. Its depth of knowledge and the erudition of its text are remarkable. For the 98% of recorded history that occurred before 1911, this is the most definitive source.
3. **Dictionary:** The complete 400,000 word 1913 Webster's Dictionary with special onscreen software for its use. This dictionary contains five times as many words as the original Webster's dictionary and yet preserves the literary beauty of the original work.
4. **Science Texts:** All of the required science books and answer keys. (Current Caltech 101 Science texts.) Also

included are advanced science texts for use by students with unusual ability.

5. **Fast Software:** Software that operates very quickly in both the on-screen viewing and printing modes. The on-screen viewing software is the best of its type available anywhere. High quality "scale-to-gray" gives your screen a 300% increase in virtual resolution to look as much like paper as possible. Flying magnifier makes details easy to check out. Maximize mode lets you take full advantage of your screen real estate to display pages by temporarily removing all but the essential page navigation controls.

Minimum computer requirements are a Windows-compatible 386 or higher with 16 MB RAM and Windows 3.1. Of course, the curriculum runs faster on a Pentium with Windows 95, 98, NT, 2000 or with Windows XP. Actually, you do not need to own a computer at all - you just need access to a computer with which you can print materials from the CDs as needed.

6. **Special:** A large number of woodcut illustrations with special emphasis on early American history and geography. Especially noteworthy are over 1,000 detailed woodcuts of civil war events that were produced before 1890 from sketches by individuals, including many famous figures, who actually participated in the war. Study of this collection of illustrations and the accompanying narrative gives the student a very clear understanding and visualization of the events.

Also of special interest is a very beautifully illustrated travelogue of the United States published in 1872. This provides an unusual opportunity to see our country both its cities and its wilderness in the

era before it was extensively populated and developed.

Also included is the original King James Version of the Bible - the 1st Issue of the 1st Edition in 1611 (The Great He Bible). This volume is noteworthy for its beauty and historical significance. It is the foundational book of the Curriculum.

7. **Examinations:** Over 50 SAT style examinations with answer keys. The advanced tests being in essay form. Tests follow specific books. Also included are bonus exams for the Chronicles of Narnia series by CS Lewis.
8. **Language Skills:** Penmanship Practice pages by Bethany Robinson, extensive Grammar Text written especially for the Robinson Curriculum by Jane Orient with Primer, Main Course and Reading Passages, Answers to the Grammar Exercises and Basic American English Spelling.
9. **Phonics & Arithmetic:** Printable flash cards for phonics and arithmetic (all that is required before Saxon 54). These flash cards are easily made with any computer printer. (See books 503 and 504 in the Books list.)
10. **Vocabulary:** This 6,400 word vocabulary program assures that the student's reading produces an active vocabulary (words used spontaneously in writing and speaking) rather than a passive vocabulary (words understood, but not actively used).
 - a. *Vocabulary list in flashcard format* with word definition and word sentence for each of the 150 books in the core read order. On average, about two-thirds of the words and sentences in each list are actually drawn

from the books themselves. The other third are drawn from previous SAT exams.

b. The flash cards also appear in a second iteration with book numbers printed on each card and both Sentence and Definition appearing on the same card. The format is more traditional. (See book 502 in the Books list.)

c. The curriculum also includes a complete set of printable *Vocabulary Exercises*. Each book has its own set, or sets of exercises. Each of the words for that book are represented in every exercise and these include:

- Vocabulary List - a list of the words and definitions
- Word Find - containing the vocabulary words as clues
- Crossword Puzzle - with clues to words across and down
- Word Find - containing definitions as clues
- Matching Game - matching words with definitions

d. For the older student there is an *onscreen vocabulary exerciser* that tracks the student's progress and adjusts his lessons to emphasize those words with which he is having the most difficulty.

This is followed by the answer keys to all the exercises. (See book 501 and 503 in the Books list.)

11. **Course of Study:** A 100 page discourse by Dr. Art Robinson discussing all the aspects of a self-teaching homeschool which also incorporates the experiences of the many families who have found this to be most effective in their own homes. 12 sections in all: Overview, Introduction, Self-Teaching, Study Environment, Science and Mathematics, Vocabulary, Examinations, Oral Learning, Books, Books to Buy, Ordering and Registration, Newsletter Vol. III, No.12. This is essential reading ... and rereading. It takes

a concentrated effort to get on a different track for our children and deprogram ourselves from an institutional model of dependent learning.

With over 14 gigabytes of information on 22 CD-ROMs conveniently organized in a durable metal case and accessed with simple, user-friendly software, it can be honestly said that there is not now any home school curriculum for sale anywhere that provides as high a quality home school education as does this Robinson Home School Curriculum Version 2.2.



The Best Books by the Best Authors

Following is a small sampling of the books and authors that are a part of the Robinson Curriculum.

The Life of George Washington by Josephine Pollard. "The main purpose of the work [is] to give to its young readers a distinct and vivid idea of the exalted character and priceless services of Washington." Other books by Pollard: *Our Hero General Grant*, *Christopher Columbus and the Discovery of the New World*, *The Bible for Young People*

Original Children's Classics: *Bobbsey Twins* (11 volumes); *Tom Swift* adventures (8 volumes); 26 Horatio Alger volumes; *Five Little Peppers and How They Grew*; *Heidi*; *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farms*; *The Boy Knight: A Tale of the Crusades* by G.A. Henty

History: *Life of George Washington* by Washington Irving; *War Between the States* by Alexander Stephens; *The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government* by Jefferson Davis; *The Life of Stonewall Jackson* by R.L. Dabney; *Picturesque America: A Delineation by Pen and Pencil*, 2 volumes edited by William Cullen Bryant

Sample Books:

- McGuffey's Readers
- The Rover Boys
- Hans Brinker
- Little Women
- Robinson Crusoe
- Heidi
- Up From Slavery
- Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea
- Treasure Island
- Economics in One Lesson
- The Federalist Papers
- The Enterprising Americans

Sample Authors:

- Daniel Defoe
- Rudyard Kipling
- Longfellow
- Horatio Alger, Jr.
- Murray Rothbard
- John Bunyan
- Jules Verne
- Arthur Conan Doyle
- Charles Dickens
- William Shakespeare
- John Calvin
- John Locke
- Isaac Newton

Economics: *The Wealth of Nations* by Adam Smith;
Economics in One Lesson by Henry Hazlitt

Geography: *The Heart of the Antarctic; My African Journey*
by Winston Churchill

Autobiographies, firsthand accounts: *Personal Memoirs of*
U.S. Grant; *Diaries of George Washington; The*
Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin; David Crockett's
Autobiography; The Autobiography of Theodore
Roosevelt; Memoirs of William Tecumseh Sherman;
Lincoln's Speeches and Letters; The Soldier in Our Civil
War, a unique collectors two-volume account by those who
fought, including some 1,000 illustrations by artists who
were present at the events.

Math, Phonics, Course of Study

20% Discount on Saxon Math Books

Mathematics is a key element in early education. Not only
is mathematics the language of science, mathematics also
teaches mental discipline and rigorous rational reasoning.

The Robinson Curriculum uses Saxon math books and a
unique study method that markedly enhances their
effectiveness and the student's progress.

Everything required for 12 years of home-education is on
these 22 CD-ROMs *with the exception* of nine Saxon math
books - starting with Saxon 54 and extending through
Saxon Calculus. A coupon allowing purchase of these
books at a 20% discount from the ordinary retail price
comes with each set of 22 CDs. Each student usually
finishes these books by age 14 to 16, so about one book per
year is needed, depending on the student's individual rate of
progress. (*Ed. To know where to start older children, you*
can use the free Saxon Math placement exams.)

The curriculum is not divided by "grade" levels. Each student simply moves up a seamless road of knowledge at whatever rate of progress his abilities and study habits permit. We omit grade levels because they have become a means by which student achievement is normed to public school academic levels. These schools have, however, fallen very far behind the academic levels that were common even in the public schools of earlier generations. Children should not be deprived of the chance for a superb education by subjecting them to the failed standards of public schools.

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Phonics and then Self-Teaching

...with some teacher help in learning phonics and understanding arithmetic, the student is ready for self-teaching.

During the first year of school, each student learns to read by phonics and practices reading with a great many books until reading becomes both easy and enjoyable. The CDs contain phonics flash cards, a large number of books that are both fun to read and appropriate to this first year of education, sets of vocabulary flash card exams for each book, and reading comprehension exams for some of the books. The student also learns all of the arithmetic tables by means of flash cards, so that he knows these tables perfectly. When this year has been completed, with some teacher help in learning phonics and understanding arithmetic, the student is ready for self-teaching.

Thereafter, each school day consists of math (or science when the appropriate math has been completed), followed by writing, followed by reading. The only teacher interaction required is in marking

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errors in the daily writing assignment. Students spend five to six hours in class each day. We advocate that this be done six days per week, ten to eleven months per year. This schedule is, of course, dependent upon family habits. The more study, the greater progress.

Course of Study

The "Course of Study," a book-length document on the CDs, explains every aspect of using this curriculum in extensive detail. It gives many hints and helpful procedures covering all aspects of the learning process. The keys to academic success are good study habits and excellent study materials. The Course of Study emphasizes the means by which students can acquire good study habits. The 22 CD-ROMs provide excellent study material for students of all ages - including materials extending all the way from those for beginning students to materials so academically difficult that even the most advanced and brilliant students will still be challenged.

***History,
English,
literature,
economics,
geography ...
are taught
during the
reading period
each day...***

History, English, literature, economics, geography, and all other subjects except for math, science, and writing are taught during the reading period each day. These are taught from actual books rather than text books. For example, the War Between the States is studied by reading autobiographies of the most famous individuals who fought on both sides of the war - supplemented by illustrations produced by artists who were actually present during the pictures events.

The books for these subjects are mixed together and presented to the student in a specific, carefully determined reading order, so that the vocabulary, sentence structure, and content of the books gradually becomes more difficult as the student's abilities increase. Each book is followed by

a vocabulary exercise in a flash card format to ensure that the vocabulary from each book becomes an active part of the student's vocabulary. The CDs also provide extensive reading comprehension examinations for many of the books. These tests are in the format of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests that the student will be required to take for college entrance.



Outstanding Results

The Robinson Self-Teaching Curriculum is in use by 60,000 students throughout the United States and in many other countries.

Results have been uniformly outstanding. Students using this curriculum achieve high academic performance and a much greater enjoyment of learning than is otherwise the case.

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QUICK OVERVIEW

Learning Features

- Printable books/materials on CD
- Complete Course of Study
- 12 Years of Education - 22 CDs
- 120,000 Page Library Resource
- 1911 Encyclopaedia Britannica
- 1913 Noah Webster's Dictionary
- 2,000 Historic Illustrations
- 6,000 Word Vocabulary Teacher
- Progress Exams Keyed to Books
- Outstanding Science Program
- Very High Academic Quality
- Proven Methods of Self Study

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- [Free, unlimited web support](#)
- [Printing Recommendations](#)
- [Access to Discussion Forums](#)
- Telephone support. 9 - 5 EDT

Placement and Testing

Placement: Transitioning into Self-Teaching

Dr. Robinson has created a curriculum that truly is not based on "grades." The student/child is advancing through a series of [math books](#), [writing daily](#), studying, and reading a course of chosen literature at an individual pace. Lets look at how you would place your child in each of the three main areas of the curriculum.

Reading:

By Current Reading: The literature to be read is put in an order from simple to advanced levels and you can choose where to begin by using your own judgment as you view the books on the screen, based on your knowledge of your child's age and reading ability. I would not worry about starting an older child too early in the reading selections as most of the books are enjoyable and worth reading at any age. However you also do not want to run out of time to finish. Thus an older child should work on mastering the vocabulary from the beginning on as this will make a big difference on SAT exams.

By Vocabulary: A more objective way of placing the student in the Read Order is by using the vocabulary flash cards to determine their reading comprehension level. Each book in the core read order has a corresponding vocabulary. Choose a place in the read order and if they do 80% or better on the first pass through the vocabulary flash cards (Words and Definitions) they can skip ahead in their reading. If they get less than 80% correct you should skip back. Keep on testing till you find their level. (They should master all the vocabulary words regardless of where they start.)

The vocabulary flash cards are found at the bottom of the Books list (new style) and under the "Vocabulary" tab (old style) in the Robinson Curriculum program. In the Vocabulary tab set "Include Previous Number of Books" to zero, choose the book whose vocabulary you want to test them on and click on the "Print Flash Cards" tab on the bottom of the window.

By Grade: For initial placement you may find the [Joyful Light Book Level](#) helpful as it orders the books by Grade Level.

Math: For math, Saxon Publishers have available [math placement tests](#). Or, if you have them available, use the tests that come with each textbook.

Writing: You may give children under ten years of age copybook writing to do until they are comfortable writing a page each day. You may have them copy out something from the Curriculum or whatever else you feel they would benefit from. Then begin requiring original compositions on the topic and in the writing format of their choice.

Transitioning: Depending on the child and the kind of educational methodology they are used to it can take 3-6 months, on average, for a student to be completely adjusted to self-teaching for 5 hours a day.

Because most of us were taught with a teacher at the front of the room the concept of self-teaching is foreign to us. This is why it is crucial to read and reread the Course of Study documents. The ideas and the self-teaching methodology do not necessarily all soak in on the first pass through the material. As you grow in your understanding you will find it easier to manage your children's education to benefit most from this curriculum.

Testing and Tracking

Math: Your students should work their Saxon Math problems each day and then check their answers in the Answer Key. Make sure that they keep a graph of their error rate as instructed in the *Course of Study: Math and Science* document. A user contributed [math score graph template](#) is available.

Writing: Since they will be writing a full page every day that you will mark for errors, every day is a test of their writing skills.

Vocabulary: For every book in the required reading section, Vocabulary Exercises and Flashcards are available (see the bottom of the *Books* list). The exercises are made up of crossword puzzles, word finding and matching games, and word/definition lists along with answer keys. An onscreen vocabulary drill tester is also available (click on the *Vocabulary* tab).

Reading: Since the reading in the Robinson Curriculum is from a selection of the best books in the English language, the books are highly engaging and easily hold a child's interest.

There are SAT style exams, with answer keys, for every 4th or 5th book in the curriculum. These are accessed through the *Examinations* tab of the Robinson Curriculum program. The purpose of these exams is to measure your students' reading and comprehension skills and to familiarize them with this style of exam.

What Our Customers Say

I love Robinson Curriculum!

I love the **Robinson Curriculum!** I've used it for a year, and am sticking with it, especially now that there are so many more CD-ROMs to use. I love it because my girls really are becoming self taught, my 12 year old having literally educated herself this year. There are subjects that she knows better than I do. How could I expect to teach her those subjects? So, I turn to those who can teach her, and their written word makes it possible for them to reach even beyond the grave to continue the influence that helped shape the people I've learned to respect and accept as mentors. PJA

I can definitely see using this curriculum through high school

She is gaining confidence and is actually enjoying it!

I love the Robinson curriculum. We are in our third year of homeschooling, with "older" children who were accustomed to testing and quizzes and spoon-fed material. Math was miserable for the high-schooler and me until this year (we started RC on 8/4/97). She is gaining confidence and is actually enjoying it! My 11-year-old giggled at some of the antiquated phrases ("Oh, pooh!" said one of the Rover boys in book No. 16), but he is learning and developing an interest in history for the first time. I can definitely see us continuing this curriculum through high school for both of them. FSW

He is actually doing more work than he did in public school...

This is our first year of homeschooling our sixth grader. The Robinson curriculum was recommended by a friend in our church. The ability to work at his own level and speed has made the difference for our son. He is actually doing more work than he did in public school and is enjoying the work. I know it sounds too good to be true, I thought the same thing. But through prayer and a step of faith, I have found that the Lord will be faithful.

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SBB

Six reasons we love the Robinson Curriculum

I only purchased it recently and have not yet gathered all the materials, but I'm working on that.

WHY???

1. My girls really like first person accounts of history instead of the "canned" materials. They report getting a "feel" for the major events instead of just date and places.
2. Literature selections are all really good. I may add a few more from Shakespeare (my personal favorite) and a few more minority authors (one of my college minors); but only because I have the books in my personal library. I am collecting books from several used book stores in the greater Houston area and hope to only print a few. There are even some internet bookstores that specialize in the out of print selections.
3. Science is introduced as a comprehensive part of the whole program, gradually at first but then in concentration after math is completed.
4. Saxon math is really good. Although I tend to switch between several math curriculums - usually

Saxon and BJU - I believe that the girls are getting a good math background -- better than I have.

5. Writing every day is important. Before Robinson, I already assigned writing at least several times a week to promote both spelling and grammar (I tend not to teach them independently) as part of the communication process.
6. Finally, the plan is simple to implement. Math takes 2 hours, Writing takes 1 hour, and Reading takes 2 more hours. That's it. I often add some other extracurricular projects -- art, lab science, music -- but only after the basics are complete.

As I said, I am only a beginner at this program; but I hope this helps some.

In Christ, Regina PLG

Robinson has got it right...

...and I do love this curriculum!

And at this point, there is no other curriculum I would personally recommend to homeschoolers.

We are beginning our 9th year of homeschooling and I have studied or tried everything available for home education. (Although, I must admit, since beginning Robinson's materials a year ago, I quit doing that!) We would always come back to the self-teaching method even after purchasing other materials. And at this point, there is no other curriculum I would personally recommend to homeschoolers.

The self-teaching and the books are what sold me on this. The structure is thoroughly simple. This program/method would work for anyone & I've heard that it does -- even for people whose children were labeled with "learning disorders" (most likely teaching disorders).

The no-sugar, no-tv, no-computer aspects are good things, but I would say it is not necessary to have all of these in place in order to succeed with the RC. Unless you are already in complete agreement with your spouse over these issues, they should be considered goals & not necessities.

We have five children (one is only two years old) and the older four are thriving in their studies. For those who say that certain "subjects" are not covered with Robinson, they mean as separate subjects. Included in the reading is a wealth of information on many things! BHS

Wow! What a change!

We just started using the RC JUST this week. In just a few short days there is such a change in the atmosphere in our home. The kids and I are so much more relaxed and they are enjoying their reading so much more. I was dumbfounded when I saw my youngest (10yo) with such a short attention span. But thinking about it, that was exactly what he was being taught by using the "canned" curriculums-20 minutes here, 10 minutes on this etc. My 15yo was balking at this new way of learning. On Tuesday he commented that he thinks he's really going to like this. He said he wasn't nearly so stressed out. Now I can hardly get him to do any of his chores because he's holed up somewhere reading. I as a mom, can hardly wait to see what changes are in store for us after using this a year.

The boys cringed when I told them they were going to write a paper everyday. By the third day they were talking about what to write next week. My oldest is writing a story.

Hallelujah! He's the one that has been allergic to his pencil.
ha

So if anyone is wondering if this works.....you bet. We have an extensive library here at home. They are now fighting over who gets to read what first. You have to love those kinds of fights.

Thank you Mr. Robinson!

Brenda

Response to a critique of the Curriculum

Hi,

I wanted to give you my opinion, as a user of the curriculum since September.

It is costing me approximately \$2.50 to print a book, which is very reasonable (I have a new Epson Stylus C60 printer, which cost me less than \$100, and I have been able to buy ink cartridges for \$4.50 to \$8.00 apiece).

My computer was purchased in 1997 but has had some upgrades. My memory is maxed out at 64 MB. While I have had a few instances of freezing up while printing, generally things have gone smoothly. There is no delay at all in viewing pages. Once you get the hang of it, it is very easy to print all odd/all even pages. I have printed 17 books so far.

I use the 3-ring binding system. My 9-year-old son has had no complaints at all about books in this form.

Before starting the Robinson Curriculum, my son had read one chapter book in his life. Since starting in September, he

has read thirteen and is on his fourteenth. He is comprehending and enjoying the books.

We use a different order than is given on the RC web site. I found a web site that has the books ordered by grade level (for example, the George Washington book is not 4th on the list, but about 60th on the list). The site is www.my.homewithgod.com/joyfullight/booklevel.htm

This has been very, very helpful. The site also has additional tests for some of the books.

What I love about this curriculum is that the child is taking responsibility for his education.

I am an unschooler at heart, and the Robinson Curriculum has been a perfect solution for us. My son independently does his Saxon math (including checking his work), a page of writing a day, and 2 hours of reading. This leaves me free to teach my 5-year-old how to read and attend to my 1-year-old baby. My 9-year-old sets his alarm and gets going early each day and has plenty of free time for other pursuits of his choosing.

What I love about this curriculum is that the child is taking responsibility for his education; I know that he is reading high-quality, well-written books; and I can clearly see progress and improvement in all areas since September (reading, writing, and math).

... I am very satisfied with it and consider it a blessing for our family.

Best wishes,
Ruth

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We have been using this curriculum for the past year and love it. We have always been on the mindset of "self teaching" and have just done that with other material, this curriculum has put a backbone to a system that was already in place and has made for an easy transition. I can see that I was asking to little from my children and now see how much more they are capable of. - MC in Ohio

Kids love this Curriculum

If your children are learning to hate school

I was using all of Abeka's stuff and their day became drudgery. They were not liking school at all and they had no time to read except for snippets of information.

Now they love history, they love math, and they enjoy reading!

When we started they had to get the definitions of the definitions because they were still dumbed down. They still have to live a dictionary but they are having a lot of fun.

I did use the Abeka language book because I needed it to correct their work. I let them use a computer to take advantage of the spell checker and a spelling game. The husband is still addicted to TV but even that is being curtailed over time. So I don't make an issue of it.

It took about a year to make the transition to using the Robinson Curriculum but wow, what a difference.

- fb in TX



question

How well does the Robinson Curriculum prepare students for college and do I need a diploma?

answer

The Robinson Curriculum is specially designed to prepare students for the SAT - a standardized nationwide test administered by the College Board (not to be mistaken with the SAT Achievement test which does not give you any credit). The Saxon Math and the

RC Vocabulary section do an excellent job for SAT prep. For further credit they can take the Advanced Placement Exams for the college they are attending in order to test out of credit courses. This reduces the time and money required to get their degree. 3 of the Robinson children have done all this with great results. They only need a GED if they are going into something that does not require college but does need a "High School" diploma. A transcript generally does you no good. It is the SAT scores that matter. Any other paper is not important except in unusual cases.

question

My child scores very high and is gifted. Would this Curriculum be appropriate (he loves computers too)?

answer

The Curriculum has a lot of "headroom" for the gifted student. The science aspect of the Curriculum has optional elements that will stretch the limits of the most exceptional student. The Vocabulary and Exams are especially geared toward preparing the student for the SAT. Note that the Curriculum is mostly paper based for the student. They do not sit in front of the computer to use this Curriculum. The most valuable aspect of the Curriculum is the Course of Study documents (of which the Robinson Story is a part). The section on Oral Learning is invaluable and unique.

question

Will this Curriculum work for my children if they have already started with another one?

answer

Yes it will work just fine. It may take more time to transition into the self-teaching methodology, depending on their background, than if they started with the Robinson Curriculum to begin with.

question

Will I need a computer for each child?

answer

No you do not. It only takes one to print out the materials.

question

Can the Curriculum be used as a supplement?

answer

It can be used to great profit as a supplement since it is such a rich resource of materials. However, to get the greatest benefit from the Curriculum it should be used full time if possible.

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