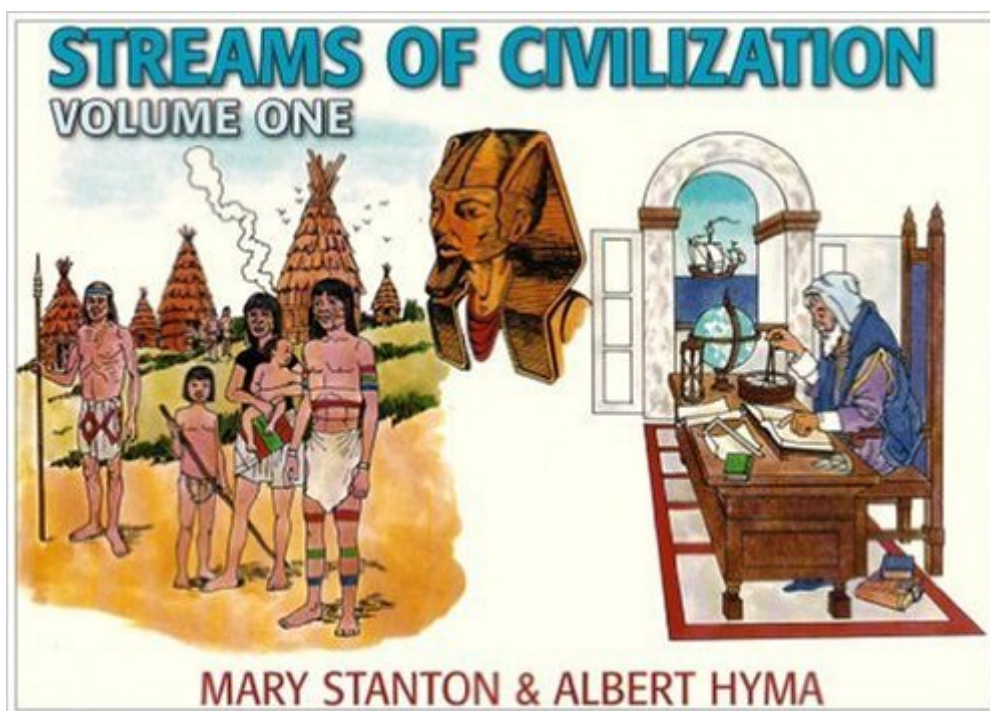


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# Streams Of Civilization: Earliest Times To The Discovery Of The New World (Vol 1) (79555)



## Synopsis

Most history textbooks are written from a secular viewpoint, but this introductory text is different! Providing a comprehensive look at Western, African, and Asian civilizations from creation to 1620, it affirms the biblical view of creation (though it discusses evolution) and gives your kids insight into other cultures and religions from a Christian perspective. Includes vocabulary questions, exercises, maps, and black-and-white illustrations. Ideal for grades 9 and up. 410 pages, hardcover from Christian Liberty Press.

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The vast majority of public school history textbooks are written from a secular, evolutionary, humanistic point of view; frequently contain anti-Christian and even anti-American bias; and present a distorted view of history that has contributed to the strong modern-day decline of interest in the subject. Streams of Civilization is the result of a four-year project sponsored by the Institute for Creation research to produce a truly objective textbook on world history from a Biblical worldview, suitable for use in both public and private schools. It was republished by Christian Liberty Academy and made available for homeschooling families. Starting at the beginning, the book explains the differences between the beliefs of evolution and special creation, with very convincing explanations concerning some of the evidence, biological, anthropological, and geological, that is often given for macroevolution. Then, from the dawn of civilizations in the Fertile Crescent, the Indus River valley, and ancient Egypt, it moves on through ancient and medieval times, down to the Renaissance,

Reformation, and Age of Discovery (c. 1620s), with copious discussions of non-Western civilizations in Africa, the Far East, and the Western Hemisphere. It is not normally my purpose to review curriculum, but occasionally I do. While there are other good world history textbooks available for homeschoolers, we chose this one because it shows the relevance of the Bible and Christianity to the interpretation of historical events and personalities. Yes, Streams of Civilization is a textbook. Some homeschoolers despise textbooks. We don't rely solely on textbooks in our homeschooling, but we prefer to have them around to provide some structure and outline to our learning.

There are some excellent reviews of this book already posted here, and I can't add a lot to those that outline the topics and speak to the content of this book. Instead, I am offering my perspective as a home school mom of eight kids, the oldest now 34 and the youngest 15. I am still home schooling my last child, having begun this journey with my oldest in 1987. (Yes, I am one of those old dinosaurs, but that does give me a lot of experience!) There have been numerous books I have used for history over the years -- some textbooks and some supplemental reading books -- and I do think that this is my favorite. It is very well-written, and contains plenty of detail without getting bogged down in it. I have read stories / facts that I have either never known, or have forgotten. Historical dates are given, but not emphasized above the general overview and interestingly told stories and flow of history . This would honestly be good for junior high, but I like it much better than the high school books I used for the other seven kids, so we are using this for high school with my youngest. He has two and a half years left, and I am using this and the second part of this series for the time we have. We are supplementing with other books, and digging deeper into some things, but this is a great framework, and could be used by itself quite easily. I don't use the tests at all. I have found over the years that my kids seem to grasp things and remember them much better through note-taking and discussion. Yes, it takes more time for the teacher, but it is so worth it.

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