

*Homeschooling Approach: Principle Method*  
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Let's face it.....the Bible and a Christian worldview played a major role in the education of our founding fathers. The Bible was the primary textbook and every subject was weighed against its teachings. If you have ever wondered what happened to that method of teaching, then wonder no more. It has been revived and uses the works of Rosalie J. Slater and Verna M. Hall as its basis.

There are seven principles and four methods of study involved in this method. Derived from the Bible, the seven principles are:

Individuality  
Self-government  
Christian character  
Conscience  
Government  
Local self-government  
Political union

These all have to do with what the Bible has to say about man's relationship to God, his view of himself, his relationship with others, and the function of society. Every subject, not just history and government, is based on the teachings of the Bible, the only complete "textbook" we will ever need.

The four methods of study are:

Research  
Reason  
Relate  
Record

RESEARCH the Bible to find the principles associated with a particular topic. REASON how the principles can be applied to the topic being studied. RELATE those applications in a personal way to each student. RECORD the applications.

The student records all applications in a notebook along with their personal thoughts, meditations, and vocabulary, etc. This personal notebook evolves into the student's personalized textbook. Learning the 4-R study method is something that will be beneficial to them throughout their lives.

This method of teaching/education is producing students who truly have a Christian worldview and who evaluate their lives, decisions, and the world around them through the filter of the Bible, and they make choices accordingly. While seeing God's providence in history, they are prepared to embrace the future grounded in the principles of God's Word.

There are not a lot curricula or resources dedicated to the principle method. However, for more information and for resources, I urge you to visit [www.face.net](http://www.face.net) and take a look at The Noah Plan.