

Course Description

High School Understanding the Times

H.O.M.E. Group 2018-19

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Start Date: September 7, 2018
End Date: May 17, 2019
Class Times: Fridays, 2:15-3:45

Cash Cost = \$320 for 32 weeks. First Semester Tuition is due at Meet the Teacher on August 21, 2018. Second Semester Tuition is due on January 4, 2019. (unless otherwise agreed upon by the instructor) Materials are purchased on your own; see Textbook and Supplies Needed section below.

SOARCE Cost: N/A

Instructor Biography

Joan Webb is a graduate of Oakland University with a career background in advertising and public relations. She homeschooled her two children through high school, during which time she discovered the Understanding the Times curriculum. With a passion to educate and equip young adults to defend a Biblical worldview, Joan began teaching Understanding the Times in multiple locations within the homeschool community. She has been actively equipping students since 2007. Joan has been a member of Faith Lutheran Church for thirty-one years.

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In a time when half of all Christians are losing their faith in college, this curriculum effectively prepares students to defend God's Word and the Christian worldview. *Understanding the Times* is a classic invitation to the study of worldviews, (Christianity, Islam, Secularism, Marxism, New Spirituality, and Postmodernism), and it shows how their influence manifests in the key academic disciplines operating in America's institutions of higher learning today (Theology, Philosophy, Ethics, Biology, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Politics, Economics and History).

Skills & Topics

Understanding The Times outlines the differences between Christianity and the other prominent worldviews seeking allegiance in Western culture: Islam, Postmodernism, Secularism, Marxism and New Spirituality (New Age). It will launch discussions about how ideas become persuasive and how to identify patterns of ideas so we can understand the world around us. There will be opportunities for interactive engagement and role playing to solidify a real life scenario.

Course Objectives/Goals

Students will emerge from this class with growing knowledge, discernment, skill and confidence to engage their changing culture. Their faith will become stronger as they discover the foundational elements of the Christian worldview in light of other worldviews.

Textbook and Supplies Needed

1. Pocket Folder
2. Binder

3. The curriculum will require the Chrome browser to order materials. The most cost effective choice is the digital version which includes an E-Text. You will have a preference to add a printed text at a discounted rate. The digital curriculum will also include a PDF for printing quizzes and tests. In addition to Understanding the Times, you will receive Understanding the Faith and Understanding the Culture. Videos will be embedded in the app. Cost for the digital license is \$29.95; the optional hardcover text is \$19.95. Instructions for purchase will be forthcoming.

Classroom Policies

Upon entering the classroom, students will need to check their pocket folders for returned homework, quizzes, tests or any communication from the instructor. This is a confidential form of communication between the instructor and student; all physical exchanges will be done through this system. No personal use of cellphones will be permitted during class time; however there may be occasions when the class will warrant use of electronic devices.

Evaluation and Grading

Perce nt	Lett er Grad e
100-98	A +
97-93%	A
92-90%	A-
89-87%	B+
86-83%	B
82-80%	B-
79-77%	C+
76-73%	C
72-70%	C-
69-67%	D+
66-63%	D
62-60%	D-
59-0%	F