

APPENDIX D

History Resources

Best Practice Suggestions for History in Catholic Schools, Grades K-6

- ◆ Use an interdisciplinary approach – History, Literature, Theology.
- ◆ Emphasize the sociological and cultural process and achievements, including moral values, over a series of disjointed events.
- ◆ Use historical fiction to complement and elaborate on the stories of history.
- ◆ Combine selections from historical texts discussing external developments surrounding Christendom with texts that study Christianity itself and its expressions of human thought, life, and institutions throughout the ages.
- ◆ Consider dividing history into four or six successive time periods based on distinctive movements of culture. For instance: Ancient History – 5000 BC to 400 AD; Medieval/Early Renaissance 400 AD – 1600 AD; Late Renaissance/Early Modern 1600 AD – 1850 AD; Modern Times. Another option: 1. Patristic Christianity, from the first to the beginning of the fourth century; 2. Patristic Christianity, from the fourth to the sixth centuries; 3. The Formation of Western Christendom, from the sixth to the eleventh centuries; 4. Medieval Christendom, from the eleventh to the fifteenth centuries; 5. Divided Christendom, from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries; 6. Secularized Christendom, from the eighteenth century to today.

Best Practice Suggestions for History in Catholic Schools, Grades 7-12

- ◆ Use an interdisciplinary approach – History, Literature, Theology.
- ◆ Whenever possible use primary texts (or translations) in historical inquiry.
- ◆ Whenever possible incorporate Socratic discussions into history.
- ◆ Emphasize the sociological and cultural process and achievements, including moral values, over a series of disjointed events.

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Catholic Textbook Project: *From sea to shining sea, All ye lands, Light to the nations Part I & II, Lands of hope and promise.* (Teacher manuals and student workbooks).

Massachusetts history and social science curriculum framework: August 2003. Recommended by Dr. Sandra Stotsky.

Weidenkopf, S. (2009). *Epic: A journey through Church history*. Contains DVDs, CDs, Student Workbook, and Time-line.