

Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages

Required Texts

To use this mapping as written you will need the following texts:

Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages

Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages Student Sheets (Book or Download)

Famous Figures: Middle Ages & Renaissance (Diex-Luckie, Cathy)

Kingfisher History Encyclopedia

Note: Page numbers are based off the 2004 revised and updated (2nd) edition (ISBN 0753457849), if you have other editions the page numbers may not align.

Homeschool In The Woods Historical Timeline Figures: History Through the Ages: Resurrection to Revolution

Reading Plan and Pacing

There are 42 chapters divided into 105 sections in the Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages student reader. Use the chart below to help you stay on pace with your reading goals.

Weeks to Finish	Chapters/Week	Sections/Week
16	2.6	6.5
24	1.75	4.3
32	1.3	3.3
35	1.2	3.0
42	1.0	2.5

Our family uses Story of the World for our history curriculum in rotation with other subjects that we do together as a family. We aim for reading our SOTW 2 times per week, along with science, Latin, and art two times per week. We typically read an entire chapter (2-3 sections) in one sitting since the sections are grouped around the same topics. My kids don't mind listening, and I find if we read any less than that, they don't have enough time to finish the coloring sheet or notebooking page I have for them that day.

Our first year with SOTW I switched us after Christmas, so at a pace of 3 times per week it put us on pace to finish the whole volume in one semester. If you're thinking of switching mid-year it is not too late! If you are wanting to stretch your study to a whole year, know there is plenty of flexibility for pace.

I gather all the kids around the coffee table in the living room with a caddy of markers and colored pencils. Everyone colors or draws while I read, and then we put our pages into our Timeline Binders. (I have a blog post all about them at <https://figtreelibrary.com/timeline-binder/>)

If a story or character doesn't have a page in the student sheets that I'm wanting to use, I often use one of my own printables. You can find them at <https://figtreelibrary.com/timeline-notebooking-printable/>.

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Chapter Mapping and Supplement

Approximate Year	Chapter #	Story of the World Vol. 2 Chapter Mapping	SOTW Reader Page #	Story of the World Vol. 2 Section Mapping	SOTW Student Page #	Famous Figures	Kingfisher History Encyclopedia	HTW Historical Timeline Figures
286-410	1	The Glory That Was Rome	1	Wandering Through the Roman Empire	1-5			
			5	The Fall of Rome			The Decline of Rome	Diocletian P2
449	2	The Early Days of Britain	9	The Celts of Britain	6-9			
			13	Barbarians Come to Britain				
			15	Beowulf the Hero				
596	3	Christianity Comes to Britain	20	Augustine Comes to England	10-14			Augustine P4
			24	Medieval Monasteries				
			26	Writing Books by Hand				
	4	The Byzantine Empire	30	The Beauty of Constantinople	15-21		The Byzantine Empire	
527-565			33	Justinian, the Just Emperor		Justinian I		Justinian I P5
			35	The Empress Theodora		Theodora		Theodora P5
1054			38	The Church in the East				
455-467	5	The Medieval Indian Empire	43	A King Named Skandagupta	22-23			
200 BC			47	Monks in Caves				
570	6	The Rise of Islam	50	Muhammad's Vision	24-27		Islam	Mohammed P6
622			53	Muhammad Flees to Medina				
			56	The Koran: Islam's Holy Book				
	7	Islam Becomes and Empire	59	The Fight for Mecca	28-32		Islam	The Arab-Muslim Sweep P6
			62	The Spread of Islam				Abu Bakr P6
			64	The City of Baghdad				
			69	Sinbad in the Valley of Snakes				
590	8	The Great Dynasties of China	73	Yang Chien Unites North & South	33-34		Sui and Tang China	
618-906			76	The Tang Dynasty				

300	9	East of China	80	The Yamato Dynasty of Japan	35-36			
			85	A Tale of Three Countries: Korea, China, & Japan				
	10	The Bottom of the World	89	The First People of Australia	37-38			
800			92	The Long Journey of the Maori				
447-510	11	The Kingdom of the Franks	97	Clovis, The Ex-Barbarian	39-41		The Carolingians	Clovis P5
			101	Four Tribes, One Empire				
710	12	The Islamic Invasion	104	Islam in Spain and Africa	42-46			
690	13	The Great Kinds of France	108	Charles the Hammer	47-53		The Carolingians	Charles Martel P7
771			110	The Greatest King: Charlemagne		Charlemagne		Charlemagne P7
790	14	The Arrival of the Norsemen	115	The Viking Invasion	54-58		The Vikings	Viking Invasion P8
1000			118	Erik the Red and “Eric’s Son”		Lief Erikson		Erik the Red P9
				122		The Norse Gods		
			123	Thor and the Giant King				
866	15	The First Kings of England	129	The Vikings Invade England	59-65		Anglo-Saxon Britain	
871-899			132	Alfred the Great				Alfred the Great P9
1066			136	The Battle of Hastings				The Battle of Hastings P10 William I P10
	16	England After Conquest	140	The English Language	66-68		The Normans	
			144	Serfs and Noblemen				
			147	Stone Castles				
	17	Knights & Samurai	152	The English Code of Chivalry	69-74		Knighthood	
			155	The Samurai: Japanese Knights			Shoguns and Samurai	
1095	18	The Age of Crusades	160	A Command from the Pope	75-78		The Crusades	The Crusades P12
1099			164	Recapturing Jerusalem				
1187			167	Saladin of Jerusalem				Saladin P11
1031-1094			170	El Cid and the “Reconquest of Spain”				

1189-1199	19	A New Kind of King	174	Richard the Lionhearted	79-81	Richard the Lionhearted		Richard I P12
1215			177	John Lackland and the Magna Carta			Charter and Parliament	King John P12
			180	Robin Hood				
			181	Robin Hood and the Butcher				
70	20	The Diaspora	186	The Scattering of the Jews	82-86			
1290-1306			189	The Tale of the Diaspora				
			189	The Clever Rabbi of Cordova				
1167-1227	21	The Mongols Devastate the East	193	Genghis Khan, Emperor of All Men	87-89	Genghis Khan	The Mongol Empire	Genghis Khan P12
1279-1368			196	The Mongol Conquest of China				Kublai Kahn P13
1271	22	Exploring the Mysterious East	200	Marco Polo Goes to China	90-91	Marco Polo	Medieval Explorers	Marco Polo P13
1421-1924			204	The Forbidden City of the Ming				
980	23	The First Russians	208	The Rus Com to Constantinople	92-95			
1462 / 1533			211	Ivan the Great and Ivan the Terrible				
1250	24	The Ottoman Empire	215	The Ottoman Turks Attack	96-101			
			216	The Sheep-Rocks				
1453			218	The Capture of Constantinople				
1520-1566			223	Suleiman the Lawgiver				
1320-1351	25	The End of the World	227	The Plague	102-106		The Black Death	The Black Death P14
			231	A New Way of Living				
1413-1422	26	France and England War	235	Henry V and the Battle of Agincourt	107-110		The Hundred Years' War	Hundred Years War P14
1429-1431			240	Joan of Arc		Joan of Arc		Joan of Arc P15
1422	27	War for the English Throne	244	The Wars of the Roses	111-117			
			248	The Princes in the Tower				
1491-1492	28	The Kingdoms of Spain and Portugal	253	Ferdinand and Isabella Unite Spain	118-122	Isabella I	The Reconquest of Spain	Ferdinand and Isabella I P16
1419-1464			257	Henry the Navigator, Prince of Portugal			Medieval Explorers	Henry the Navigator P15

1000	29	African Kingdoms	261	Gold, Slat, and Ghana	123-124			
1324			265	Mansa Musa of Mali				
1470			268	The Songhay Empire				
1526-1530	30	India Under the Moghuls	272	The Moghul Dynasty	125-127			
1556			276	Akbar of India				
			278	The Bad-Luck Servant				
1492	31	Exploring New Worlds	281	Christopher Columbus	128-130	Christopher Columbus	European Explorers	Christopher Columbus P16
1520			286	Vespucci and Magellan				
600	32	The American Kingdoms	290	The Mayans of Central America	131-135		The Americas	
			294	The Marvelous City of Tenochtitlan			Aztecs and Incas	
1493			297	The Incas				
	33	Spain, Portugal, and the New World	301	The Slave Trade	136-140			
1519			305	Cortes and Montezuma				Hernando Cortez P18
1517	34	Martin Luther's New Ideas	309	Martin Luther's List	141-145	Martin Luther		Martin Luther P17 95 Theses P19
1509			305	Henry VIII's Problem		Henry VIII	Tudor England	Henry VIII P18
	35	The Renaissance	318	A New Way of Thinking	146-148			
1455-1456			322	Gutenberg's Great Invention		Johannes Gutenberg	Science & Technology	Johannes Gutenberg P15
	36	Reformation and Counter Reformation	327	The Spread of the Reformation	149-151		The Reformation	
1545			330	The Council of Trent				
1543	37	The New Universe	354	The Revolution of Copernicus	152-154			Nicolas Copernicus P17
1609			338	Galileo's Strange Notions		Galileo Galilei		Galileo Galilei P20
1558	38	England's Greatest Queen	342	The Queen Who Almost Wasn't	155-156	Elizabeth I	Tudor England	Elizabeth I P19
			346	Good Queen Bees				
1564 =1616	39	England's Greatest Playwright	351	William Shakespeare	157-158	William Shakespeare		William Shakespeare P20
			353	Macbeth				
			356	Macbeth's Decision				

1585	40	New Ventures to the America's	361	Walter Raleigh and the New World	159-163			
			365	The Lost Colony				
1500's-1600's	41	Exploration in the North	361	The New-Found Land	164-166			
			365	Jacques Cartier's Discoveries				
1558	42	Empires Collide	370	Spain and England's War	167-175			
			374	The World at the End of the Sixteenth Century				