



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

Living History Through a Catholic Lens

Students should not merely read about history; they should step into it and experience it as a living story. *The Story of Civilization* (4 volumes) invites students into the drama of salvation history as it unfolds across the world. Catholic historian Phillip Campbell weaves together his scholarly expertise and engaging storytelling to present the past—not as a dry collection of names and dates, but as a thrilling journey guided by God’s providence.

This series reflects a renewed vision of history education—history as a narrative that captivates the imagination while forming the mind and heart. Each chapter immerses students in short stories that place them in the shoes of both saints and sinners, rulers and commoners, visionaries and ordinary workers.

Students will:

- Relive the triumphs and trials of legendary battles and invasions.
- Enter into the philosophical debates that shaped civilizations.
- Witness the building of cathedrals, temples, and wonders of the ancient world.
- Discover inventions and scientific advances that changed the course of human life.
- Explore the expansion of cultures and the unfolding of human discovery.

More than an academic text, *The Story of Civilization* offers students a Catholic worldview of history. It reveals how faith, reason, and culture intersect to shape humanity, while constantly pointing to the deeper truth that God’s hand is present in all ages. Teachers will find that it not only meets educational standards, but also elevates them—integrating the intellectual, moral, and spiritual dimensions of formation that Catholic education is called to provide.

Perfect for middle school classrooms, this series forms students who do not simply memorize history, but enter into it—recognizing their own place within the great story of God’s creation and redemption.

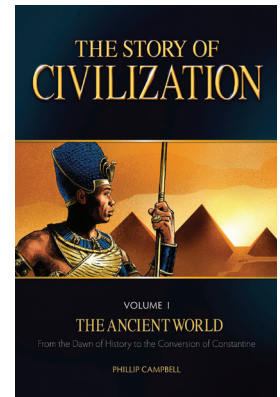
- **For Students:** An invitation to step into the lives of saints, rulers, thinkers, and explorers, discovering how their faith, courage, and struggles shaped the world.
- **For Teachers & Administrators:** A standards-aligned resource that strengthens Catholic identity, cultivates critical thinking, and provides flexible use in any educational setting.
- **For Bishops & Priests:** A powerful tool to connect young people with the Catholic story of humanity and salvation, supporting catechesis and evangelization.
- **For Parents:** Confidence in a resource that unites faith and reason, bringing history to life within the home.

Volume I: The Ancient World begins the journey, covering the time periods from the dawn of history and the early nomads to the conversion of Emperor Constantine. Students will learn what life was like in the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia, Greece, Rome, and more, as well as learn the Old Testament stories of the Israelites and the coming of Christ. The strength of the content lies not only in the storybook delivery of it, but also in the way it presents history through the faithful prism of the Church. Here, you'll have the trusted resource you've always wanted to help your students learn about world history from a Catholic perspective.

Did You Know...

- Young people in the Minoan culture participated in bull-leaping games.
- King Xerxes of Persia once ordered his soldiers to whip the waves when the ocean became rocky beneath their boats.
- The Greek inventor, Archimedes, built a giant heat ray to protect his hometown, catching enemy ships on fire through the use of sunbeams.
- The powerful Carthaginian general Hannibal used elephants to march his army over the Alps on his way to attack Rome.
- Julius Caesar of Rome fell in love with the famous Cleopatra of Egypt.

Embark on the journey today and discover the wonders of God's hand in history!



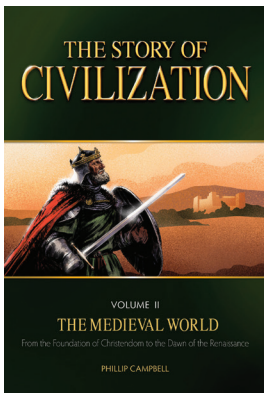
Volume II: The Medieval World continues the journey, picking up where *Volume I* left off just after the conversion of Emperor Constantine. Students will watch the seeds of Christendom being planted in the soil of Europe thanks to colossal figures like Sts. Ambrose, Patrick, and Benedict. The wonder of the Medieval world comes alive with brilliant tales of knights, crusaders, castles, and inventions.

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- Monks were the first to make use of clocks.
- St. Patrick was once kidnapped by pirates.
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux once excommunicated a swarm of flies.
- The pope once lived in France instead of Rome.
- A plague spread out across Europe and killed millions of people.
- Knights fought with all sorts of weapons, including swords, lances, maces, and crossbows.
- Marco Polo was one of the most famous explorers who ever lived.

Give your students more than a history book—give them a Catholic adventure through time.

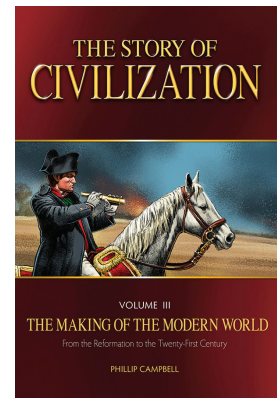


Volume III: The Making of the Modern World continues the journey, picking up where *Volume II* left off amidst the Renaissance and quickly diving into the history—altering events of the Reformation. This fracturing of the Church dramatically altered the course of modern Europe and the world at large. However, during the most tumultuous times, God gives us the greatest saints. Students will meet great figures like Sts. Pius V, Thomas More, John Vianney, and Margaret Mary Alacoque, as well as powerful leaders like Napoleon and Kings Henry VIII of England and Louis XIV of France.

This volume brings us through present-day Europe, showing us the effects of two world wars and how the Church responded to these changing times.

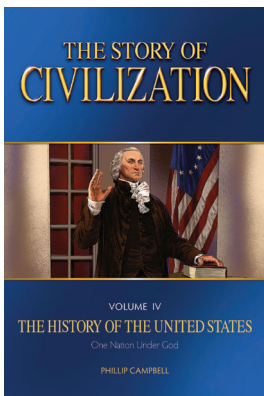
Did You Know...

- Columbus called the Native Americans “Indians” because he thought he had landed in India?
- Henry VIII was once known as “Defender of the Faith.”
- A string of popes became known as the “prisoners of the Vatican” because they never left the Vatican grounds for 60 years.
- King Louis XIV was known as the “Sun King” because of the bright brilliance of his palace at Versailles.
- The Soviet Union built what was called “the Iron Curtain,” behind which they ruled half of Europe.



Start the journey now and form both minds and hearts through the great story of civilization.

Volume IV: *The History of the United States* transfers the journey over to the New World. Beginning with Columbus when he sailed the open blue and extending into the present day, this volume tells the thrilling tale of our nation, both the good and the bad. Students will learn about heroic American saints like Juan Diego, Peter Claver, and Elizabeth Ann Seton, explorers like Lewis and Clark and Neil Armstrong, and a whole host of U.S. presidents, as well as relive some of the most significant events in our country’s past, like the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the assassination of President Lincoln, the Civil Rights Movement, the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, and many more.



Did You Know...

- Hernando Cortez conquered the vast Aztec Empire with only a few hundred soldiers.
- The North American Church gave rise to many great saints and martyrs, such as St. Isaac Jogues, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. Junipero Serra.
- The teddy bear was named after President Teddy Roosevelt.
- We owe our modern interstate expressway system to President Dwight Eisenhower.
- The Germans once tried to get Mexico to invade the United States during World War I.
- There was a small group of airline passengers who acted heroically and saved lives during the attacks of September 11, 2001.

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