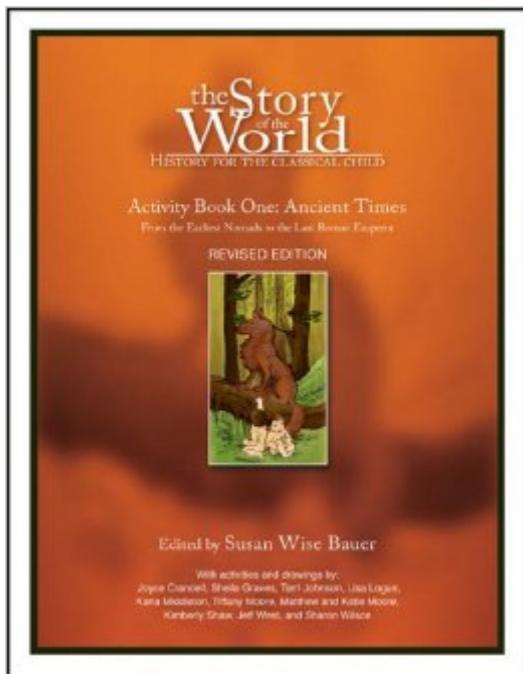


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# The Story Of The World, Activity Book 1: Ancient Times - From The Earliest Nomad To The Last Roman Emperor



## **Synopsis**

Color a picture of a Minoan bull-jumper, make a model of the Nile River, create Roman armor and Celtic jewelry and more...don't just read about history -experience it! This comprehensive, 8.5" x 11" curriculum guide and activity book contains map activities, coloring pages, games, projects, review questions, cross-references to illustrated encyclopedias, and extensive book lists. Children and parents love the activities, ranging from cooking projects to crafts, board games to science experiments, and puzzles to projects. Each Story of the World Activity Book provides a full year of history study when combined with the Textbook, Audiobook, and Tests -each available separately to accompany each volume of The Story of the World Activity Book. Activity Book 1 Grade Recommendation: Grades 1-5. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white drawings and maps

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 and up

Grade Level: 1 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

I am disappointed to see many people posting negative reviews simply because the curriculum is not in line with their religious beliefs. The Well-Trained Mind specifically states it is the parent's job to insert religious history where appropriate, which is what I did with religious coloring book pages and activities inserted into where the Prophets would have fallen chronologically. However, I agree with some of the reviewers who have stated that the book suffers from other drawbacks: 1) The book is far too heavy on coloring pages, many of which are sloppily drawn. Some of them look like a child

traced a photograph of a particular artifact in pencil, then drew over the pencil tracing sloppily in felt marker and that was given to us as a coloring page. I purchased some Bellerophon coloring books for better and more interesting examples and found that at least one of the coloring pages looked like it had been traced out of the coloring book! Aside from the quality of the coloring pages, my children got bored with coloring all the time. It was interesting in the beginning, but it quickly became tedious and un-interesting. My children prefer more involved and intellectual activities than just coloring something. Because of this reason alone I will probably not buy the second volume. I suspect this has something to do with the authors' belief that children in the "grammar stage" are only in need/want of rote memorization and imitation and need/want/are capable of little if any creative or analytical activity. I personally found this to be completely untrue and my children's dissatisfaction with the activity book is a case in point.2) The activities are mostly "art projects" of one kind or another and often wasteful "busy-work" as others have mentioned. Not all of them are well-explained or well-thought-out. For example, building a pyramid out of sand bricks sounds great until you discover that the structure collapses as it dries. I'm also not a big fan of activites that involve buying supplies just to waste them or to turn them into "toys" or "props" that will be in the garbage can at the end of the day or week. Good point: The high point of this book is that there are extensive further reading and activity suggestions for each period in time that are not included in the sections in the Well-Trained Mind. The WTM book does list a small number of books and activities in the end of each chapter but this book lists a LOT more and this is the most valuable aspect of the book.

The Story of the World: Activity Book One: Ancient Times is an amazing resource. Perfectly matched with The Story of the World text, it is an invaluable resource. This book should be required for every elementary school child. The book starts with a handy pronunciation guide, which is a great help with the many ancient names encountered. It ends with a huge section of student pages, which include maps of the ancient world, coloring pages (many taken from ancient art/architecture), and review cards. Found in between these 2 sections is the comprehensive teaching guide. The teaching guide has a wealth of information, for every section. The reading is cross-referenced with Usborne and Kingfisher history encyclopedias. Review questions and sample narrations are provided. Lists of optional, supplemental, age-appropriate reading materials are included, as well. In many sections, there are recipes appropriate to the geographical area and/or time period being studied. Even with all of the above, Ms. Bauer did not stop. Every chapter has a wealth of hands-on activities and projects, correlated to the subject matter. These activities are designed to be done

with materials that most people already have in their homes. There are always several activities included, ranging from the simple to the complex. For example, the chapter on The Old Kingdom in Egypt includes a project to make a Lego step pyramid, and instructions on how to mummify a chicken. This is by far the most comprehensive and well-written history activity guide that I have ever used. Everything that I needed was included. After using this in kindergarten, my son has a deeper understanding of ancient history than many of the adults that I know. I used several of the projects with my teenage daughter as well, and she thoroughly enjoyed them. I would highly recommend this book for every family with children.

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