



In-Depth Study Planner

How to use your In-depth Studies guide.

We have called our units *In-Depth Study* modules because we see them as a natural extension of curriculum that is already being presented to the student. With the in-depth study planning sheet you can study virtually any topic in more depth, with more intensity, and also be assured that you are covering all the required content area. By using the planning sheet, you can see that you have a well rounded approach to the module being studied. You will have a good variety of media and information, as well as cover several or all the necessary school subjects with your study.

You will begin by defining what the topic of study is, focusing on that topic in a way that makes it accessible to the student. You will then decide with the student on what goals you are trying to meet during his or her researching of the topic area. Next you will begin to assemble information and resources on the topic for the in-depth module. By filling in each of the areas on the sheet, you will explore the many sources for information on the module. Be sure to include “field trips,” which can be simply enhanced opportunities for learning, such as visits to the grocery store, the dentist’s office, or the park. Recording these experiences is important in homeschooling, where accountability can be important. Next you’ll want to be sure you’ve covered each content area. Language arts may be covered by reading books taken out from the library. Writing reports or stories on the topic can cover several content areas such as history or geography, cursive writing skills, or illustrating the student’s story can be an art exercise too. The basic idea of integration is important in in-depth studies. Remember the “glue.” Students remember more of what makes sense to them. The more they can relate information to their own lives and the more chance they get to use that information, the better they will remember it. Humans are storymaking creatures and we want our world to make sense to us. The interconnectedness of in-depth studies with all areas of the curriculum allows this powerful glue to do its work. In-depth study modules are perfect for portfolios and can be paired with the portfolio guide and information sheet to make a strong impact on the evaluator of your child’s academic school year.

We will be working on developing our own line of in-depth study modules as the year progresses and will make them available when they are released. Check our website, and feel free to make suggestions through e-mail or in our guest book. Enjoy.

In-Depth Study

Harvest Homeschool Organizer



Student Name: _____

Topic _____ **Dates** _____

Theme	
Focus	
Grades	
Objectives	
M a t e r i a l s a n d R e s o u r c e s	Printed Resources
	Books
	Newspapers
	Magazines
	Miscellaneous
	Computer
	Internet
	C D
	Computer
	Audio/Visual
	Video
	Audiotape
C D	
Community	
Field Trips	
Guest Speakers	
Television	
PBS	
Other	
Literature	
Fiction	
Nonfiction	
Poetry	



Student Name: _____

Topic (cont.) _____

Activities

Math

Science

Writing

PE

History

Literature

Culminating Activity

Evaluation

Related Topics