

An Alabama State History Curriculum written by Carren W. Joye is available for kindergarten through 9th grade. Although Alabama does not require state history for homeschoolers, Alabama public schools usually teach state history in the 4th grade. In some states, state history is taught or repeated in 7th, 8th or 9th grades. As a result, you may cover state history at any time as a separate course or in conjunction with U.S. History.



About the Course

This Internet-linked, 175-day course adapts easily to teaching various grade levels together. For younger grades or for a lighter course, just do the lessons and simple activities and skip all optional research. For older grades or for a more challenging course, include extra research and projects as suggested. In addition, you may easily incorporate the lesson plans and activities in a United States History curriculum.

The course covers Alabama history from pre-exploration to the 21st Century, with extra sections on maps, symbols, climate and current government and economy.

You must have Internet access to use this course.

The curriculum includes links to suggested:

- Lesson Plans – More than 175 free online lesson plans! You can do all the lessons or only the ones you want.
- Field Trips – 75 locations in Montgomery, Elmore and Autauga counties and 130 locations in other counties! Unlike a generic state history curriculum, specific field trip locations are named with contact information rather than simply “visit an historical landmark.”
- Extra Activities – More than 300 additional research topics, arts and crafts, project ideas, historical movies, and creative writing assignments are included to provide extension exercises, or you may choose them to replace the lesson plans.
- Books – 65 suggested readers and read alouds! Read them all or just choose one or two in each section to borrow from the library or to purchase.
- Multiple Texts – Additional web sites, interesting stories and activities are included to round out the topic or historical period.

Because testing is not required in Alabama, tests are not included. However, the course is designed in such a way that you will easily be able to create your own tests or to use the special activities as tests if necessary.

