

# FOUNDATIONS OF HISTORY

## Philosophy

History is the story of God's sovereign and providential involvement in man's activities, cultures, and civilizations. History is rightly understood by men only in the light of Scripture, which tells us that God, as King and Lord, is moving through History until Christ's return to make disciples of all nations. Because it is our heritage and the Gospel has been most thoroughly enculturated in Western Civilization, it is the focus of our study of History.

Primary literary sources, archaeological evidence, and the humanities are studied in relationship to various disciplines: politics, geography, and economics. Students move from the accumulation of key facts (Grammar) to critical analysis of connections and principles (Dialectic), and finally to synthesis of information and ideas into persuasive presentation (Rhetoric). Therefore, we teach for life change: to take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ, in who is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

## History Department Goals

1. Attain a Scriptural understanding of human nature and historical patterns, with particular attention to sin and its consequences.
2. Understand that history is an examination of the progression and composite of all Divine activity and human endeavor.
3. Use the discipline of History as a paradigm for the study of the development of other subject areas.
4. Interact frequently with primary sources, especially those from the canon of Western Civilization.
5. Articulate thoughts and beliefs regarding historical events by thorough research, careful documentation, and wise expression.
6. Incorporate Biblical precept and historical example in pursuit of godly citizenship.