

Mystery of History Volume II

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Use these with your history lessons to review, reinforce handwriting, practice typing, and to strengthen language arts skills.

1. “Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:2-4)
2. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 13:9)
3. Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness in Rome. (Acts 23:11)
4. The first persecution of the Church took place in the year 67, under Nero, the sixth emperor of Rome. (John Foxe)
5. Blessed be those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blesses are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:10-12)

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. (Tertullian)

6. I was myself brought up with my brother, whose name was Matthias, for he was my own brother, by both father and mother; and I made mighty proficiency in the improvements of my learning, and appeared to have both a great memory and understanding. (Josephus)

7. Brave and loyal followers! Long ago we resolved to serve neither the Romans nor anyone other than God Himself, who alone is the true and just Lord of mankind. The time has now come that bids us prove our determination by our deeds we have never submitted to slavery, even when it brought no danger with it. We must not choose slavery now, and with it penalties that will mean the end of everything if we fall alive into the hands of the Romans God has given us this privilege, that we can die nobly and as free men and leave this world as free men in company with our wives and children.
(Elazar Ben Yair)”
— Josephus, The Jewish War

8. "The Word does not change. The Dead Sea scrolls, archeology, modern science—they do not change the Bible; they confirm it." (Billy Graham)

9. You could hear the wails of women, the cries of children, the shouts of men...Many raised their arms to the gods, others...declared that the gods were no longer and that this was the last night on earth. (Pliny the Younger, in a letter to the historian Tacitus)

10. The Jews were at that time led by a certain Barchochebas, which means "star", a man who was murderous and a bandit, but relied on his name, as if

dealing with slaves, and claimed to be a luminary come from heaven and was magically enlightening those who were in misery. (Eusebius, History of the Church, 4.6.2)

11. The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

12. (none)

13. All this was fulfilled in my time, when I saw with my own eyes the houses of worship demolished to their foundations, the inspired and sacred Scriptures committed to the flames in the middle of the public squares, and the pastors of the churches hiding shamefully in one place or another, or arrested and held up to ridicule by their enemies. (Eusebius, Book 8:2)

14. Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

15. The Hindu views man as a manifestation of the impersonal Brahman, without individual self or self-worth. Christianity teaches that man was made in the image of God with a personality and the ability to receive and give love. (Josh McDowell, Handbook of Today's Religions)

16. (none)

17. I look forward, not to what lies ahead of me in this life and will surely pass away, but to my eternal goal. I am intent upon this one purpose, not distracted by other aims, and with this goal in view I press on, eager for the prize, God's heavenly summons. Then I shall listen to the sound of Your praises and gaze at Your beauty ever present, never future, never past. But

now my years are but sighs. You, O Lord, are my only solace. You, my Father, are eternal. But I am divided between time gone by and time to come, and its course is a mystery to me. My thoughts, the intimate life of my soul, are torn this way and that in the havoc of change. And so it will be until I am purified and melted by the fire of Your love and fused into one with You. (Saint Augustine of Hippo, Confessions)

18. So shall my word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

19. If I be worthy, I live for my God to teach the heathen, even though they may despise me. (Saint Patrick)

20. (none)

21. (none)

22. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms...(Ephesians 3:10)

23. So endeth the story of the winning of Excalibur, and may God give unto you in your life, that you may have His truth to aid you, like a shining sword, for to overcome your enemies; and may He give you Faith (for Faith containeth Truth as a scabbard containeth its sword), and may that Faith heal all your wounds of sorrow as the sheath of Excalibur healed all the wounds of him who wore that excellent weapon. For with Truth and Faith girded upon you, you shall be as well able to fight all your battles as did that noble hero of old, whom men called King Arthur. (Howard Pyle, The Story of King Arthur and His Knights)

24. "The principal division of the law of persons is as follows, namely, that all men are either free or slaves." (Justinian I)

25. Illuminated scripture of choice.

26. “The impersonal Tao is in stark contrast to the loving God of Christianity, who is both willing and able to meet the deepest needs we all have. The Bible says, ‘Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.’ Matthew 11:28.” (Josh McDowell, *Handbook of Today’s Religions*)
27. The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. (1 Peter 5:1-4)
28. At this time, China undoubtedly stood on the very forefront of civilization. She was then the most powerful, the most enlightened, the most progressive, and the best-governed Empire, not only in Asia, but on the face of the globe. – James Murdoch, *A History of Japan*.
29. As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one. (Romans 3:10) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
30. See above
- 31.
32. “This land I have ruled fifty winters. No folk-king dared, none of the chief of the neighboring tribes, to touch me with sword, or assail me with terror, of battle threats. I bided at home, held my peace and my heritage kept, seeking no feuds nor swearing false oaths. This gives me comfort and gladdens me now, though wounded sore and sick unto death.” (Beowulf)
33. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)
34. “The church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on course.” (Saint Boniface)
35. Exodus 20:3-5
36. “And He changes the times and the seasons. He removes kings and raises up kings...” (Daniel 2:21)
37. Do justice fairly, correctly, equitably to churches, widows, orphans and all others, without fraud, corruption, obstruction, or abusive delay." (Charlemagne)
38. Secondly, not to do violence to anybody whatever, for in that case you will draw every body's hatred upon you. You ought to consider the world as a creditor, to whom you owe moderation, compassion, and forbearance. (Anonymous, *The Arabian Nights Entertainments: The Arabian Nights Entertainments in Four Volumes, Complete*)
39. “In the eighth century a vehement manifestation of conquering energy appeared in Scandinavia. Norway, Sweden, and Denmark threw up bands of

- formidable fighting men who, in addition to their other martial qualities, were the hardy rovers of the sea.” (*The Birth of Britain*, Winston Churchill)
40. The soul of the Viking lay in the long-ship. They had evolved, and now, in the eighth and ninth centuries, carried to perfection, a vessel which by its shallow draught could sail far up rivers, or anchor in innumerable creeks and bays, and which by its beautiful lines and suppleness of construction could ride out the fiercest storms of the Atlantic Ocean. (*The Birth of Britain*, Winston Churchill)
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42. Although these were easily the darkest days in Alfred’s life, they also were to become the most famous. The stories of his persevering against the Vikings transformed King Alfred into Alfred the Great. The story falls into a category that the modern ear can easily recognize and appreciate. From the legends of Robin Hood hiding out with his band of merry men in Sherwood Forest to the tales of men fighting in the underground French resistance during World War II, the modern listener has been well trained to be moved by the courageous nobility of continuing a campaign of resistance long after being driven into hiding. The seeming despair of a life of defiant resistance, while being hunted in one’s homeland, captures the imagination and takes on a romantic hue. But this was not a category of story that the Anglo-Saxon ear was accustomed to hearing. To his contemporaries, Alfred’s plight was an unqualified tragedy, utterly devoid of romanticism. (Benjamin R. Merkle, *The White Horse King: The Life of Alfred the Great*)
43. “There were Christian men here then whom the Norsemen call ‘papar.’ But they went away because they were not prepared to live in the company of heathen men. They left behind Irish books, bells, and crosiers [staves], from which it could be seen that they were Irishmen.” (Book of the Islanders)
46. Good King Wenceslas looked out
 On the Feast of Stephen
 When the snow lay round about
 Deep and crisp and even
 Brightly shone the moon that night
 Though the frost was cruel
 When a poor man came in sight
 Gathering winter fuel
 Hither, page, and stand by me,
 If thou knowst it, telling
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his dwelling?
 Sire, he lives a good league hence,
 Underneath the mountain

Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes fountain.
Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude winds wild lament
And the bitter weather
Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winters rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.
In his masters step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

48. When we stood in the temple we did not know where we were, for there is nothing else like it upon earth: there is truth God has His dwelling place with men; and we can never forget the beauty we saw there. (Quote from Lesson 48 in Mystery of History textbook)

50. If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move. (Matthew 17:20)

53. "Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble."

"What's done cannot be undone."

"Fair is foul and foul is fair."

"To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow, Creeps in this petty pace from day to day to the last syllable of recorded time, And all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage.

And then is heard no more: it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

(Shakespeare's MacBeth)

55. It is hard that Englishmen should be ruled by a foreigner, but it is no new thing for us. We Saxons conquered the Britons, and in turn Danish kings have ruled over us; but Saxon and Dane have become almost one, and the old grudges have died out. Maybe in time you Normans also may become English. (Wulf the Saxon by G.A. Henty).

58. No man can serve two masters, God and mammon. That you may learn to place hope in God and not in riches. (Peter Waldo)

62. "It doth make a man better,' quoth Robin Hood, 'to bear of those noble men so long ago. When one doth list to such tales, his soul doth say, 'put by thy poor little likings and seek to do likewise.' Truly, one may not do as nobly one's self, but in the striving one is better..."

— Howard Pyle, *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*

64. The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; not so much to be understood as to understand; not so much to be loved as to love; for it is in giving we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we awaken to eternal life.

69. For the things of this world cannot be made known without a knowledge of mathematics. (Roger Bacon)

80. I hope, by God's grace, that I am truly a Christian, not deviating from the faith, and that I would rather suffer the penalty of a terrible death than wish to affirm anything outside of the faith or transgress the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John Huss)

81. King of England, do right by the King of Heaven concerning His Royal line; hand over to the Maiden the keys to all the towns which you have taken. She has come on behalf of God to support the Royal family, and is quite ready to make peace, if you are willing to do right, so long as you give up France and make amends for occupying it. King of England, if you do not do so, I am a commander: wherever I come across your troops in France, if they are not willing to obey I shall make them leave, willing or not. (Joan of Arc, March 22, 1429)

