

CLASSICAL EDUCATION METHOD BY STAGE

EARLY GRAMMAR	GRAMMAR	LOGIC	RHETORIC
Grades K-2	Grades 3-6	Grades 7-9	Grades 10-12
Approx. ages 5-7	Approx. ages 8-11	Approx. ages 12-14	Approx. ages 15-18
STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS			
Obviously excited about learning	Excited about new, interesting facts	Still excitable, but needs challenges	Concerned with present events, especially in own life
Enjoys games, stories, songs, projects	Likes to explain, figure out, talk	Judges, critiques, debates, critical	Interested in justice, fairness
Short attention span	Wants to relate own experiences to topic, or just to tell a story	Likes to organize items, others	Moving toward special interests, topics
Wants to touch, taste, feel, smell, see	Likes collections, or organizing items	Shows off knowledge	Can take on responsibility, independent work
Imaginative, creative	Likes changes, clever repetitious word sounds (e.g., Dr. Seuss)	Wants to know "behind the scenes" facts	Can do synthesis
	Easily memorizes	Curious about <i>Why?</i> for most things	Desires to express feelings, own ideas
	Can assimilate another language well	Thinks, acts as though more knowledgeable than adults	Generally idealistic
TEACHING METHODS			
Guide discovering	Lots of hands-on work, projects	Timelines, charts, maps (visual materials)	Drama, oral presentations
Explore, find things	Field trips, drama	Debates, persuasive reports	Guide research in major areas with goal of synthesis of ideas
Use lots of tactile items to illustrate point	Make collections, displays, models	Drama, reenactments, role-playing	Many papers, speeches, debates
Sing, play games, chant, recite, color, draw, paint, build	Integrate subjects through above means	Evaluate, critique (with guidelines)	Give responsibilities e.g., working with younger students, organize activities
Use body movements	Teach and assign research projects	Formal logic	In-depth field trips, even overnight
Short, creative projects	Recitations, memorization	Research projects	Worldview discussions/ written papers
Show and Tell, drama, hear/read/tell stories	Drills, games	Oral / written presentations	
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