

	Unit Studies	Literature Books	worksheet	Textbook
Brief description of each curriculum	As much as it is possible, all subject areas center on one topic	This method is mostly used for history and science (plus the arts) and math has to be added. In general, it uses the most well written, informative, & exciting books for the learning content. Some types have a minimal amount of projects and worksheets.	This style of curriculum can be referred to as "boxed" meaning you buy a box at a particular grade level, assuming your child performs on the same level in every subject.	While public schools use "textbooks", in homeschool this may look differently by being online, interactive, and entertaining. Textbook means reading a section and answering questions like a quiz/worksheet (which may be typed).
Curriculum Example	Five in a Row; Konos	Epi Kardia; Sonlight	Abeka; ACE; Rod and Staff	Bob Jones University; Switched on School house; Teaching Textbooks (math)
Pros	Fun, "hands-on" style of learning. Great for those tactile or reluctant learners and special needs	Uses good quality, whole picture books thus developing an appreciation for stories; Many subjects are able to be taught in that way that correlates. Able to use your child's interests in learning; LOTS of reading to your child.	Easy to plan and grade; May be good for beginner homeschooling parents because it builds confidence;	Great to use during a busy season (ie new baby coming); some have use of live or recorded teachers and/or someone available to answer questions; uses multimedia and is more engaging than workbooks; may be good for a subject that mom has a hard time teaching/upper grades.
Cons	laborious to plan and gather materials; cost of books; may miss some foundational content, especially if there's no supplemental math.	Expensive to buy the books OR you need the use of a good library. Usually does not include all subjects like math, phonics, spelling, or grammar; the amount of reading aloud can be too much for mom OR the child needs to be a strong reader independently.	Repetitive and often "boring; involves lots of writing and heavy workload; difficult for special needs	Expensive; mom is more of a manager than teacher and is pretty "hands-off"; not typically a tactile/kinesetic method of learning
Temperaments See Episode 10	Difficult for Sanguine teachers to stay focused (rabbit trails) but great for Sanguine kids; overwhelming for Phlegmatic teachers; great for task oriented temperaments (Choleric & Melancholy)	very relational with reading together; some of the curriculums are difficult for Sanguine teachers to stay focused (it allows too many "rabbit trails"). Epi Kardia has lesson plans available which would give some extra structure. Sanguine kids love it.	Particularly boring for Sanguine children and parents; Melancholy temperaments love to "complete" the sheets/books & can't stand to skip around.	Varies- depending on the type, some are more interactive than others; this method does lack flexibility that Sanguines need.
Planning	Labor intensive often with many things to gather	Varies depending on the type of curriculum. Epi Kardia has lesson plans.	Very easy planning and typically laid out	Very easy planning, typically laid out, and the programs are mostly self grading.