


# FINDING MY HOMESCHOOL METHOD- MY TOP FOUR

Start by thinking about the general style. Then ask yourself essential questions!

 **Traditional Methods:** I appreciate predictability, pre-determined curriculum, the look and feel of a textbook, and the idea of a classroom setting. If so, ask yourself these questions:

- Do I plan on re-entering a public or private school setting?
- Do you appreciate predictable quarters or semesters with accumulating grades?
- Do you plan on frequently utilizing standardized testing?
- Do you enjoy the predictability of a textbook and preset lesson plans?



**Classical Methods:** I value the idea of a more class approach. I love memorizing facts and details and recognize that a child's learning needs change as they develop. I enjoy classic literature and the order of learning history like a timeline - from start to present.

- Do you value learning about history in the order it occurred?
- Do you value a thorough immersion in facts?
- Do you find organization comforting?
- Would you like to have a more hands-on approach to your child's education?

**Unit Studies:** I am generally comfortable allowing my children more flexibility. I don't believe a set curriculum is necessary but love the idea of diving deep into a specific subject. My children should be free to engage in their own interest.

- Do I want my child's study to be filled with personal interests?
- Do I want my child to have a certain amount of self direction?
- Do I like studying a topic deeply?

**Charlotte Mason:** I like the idea of a classical education but with less stress and more attention to life and nature. We love going to the park and exploring. I don't want my child reading "twaddle" and appreciate excellent literature as a replacement for textbooks

- Am I fine ditching textbooks and trimming down the amount of school work my children do?
- Do you love the idea of taking a nature walk and having my child journal about his or her experience?
- Do you feel that stimulating curiosity is as important as learning facts.