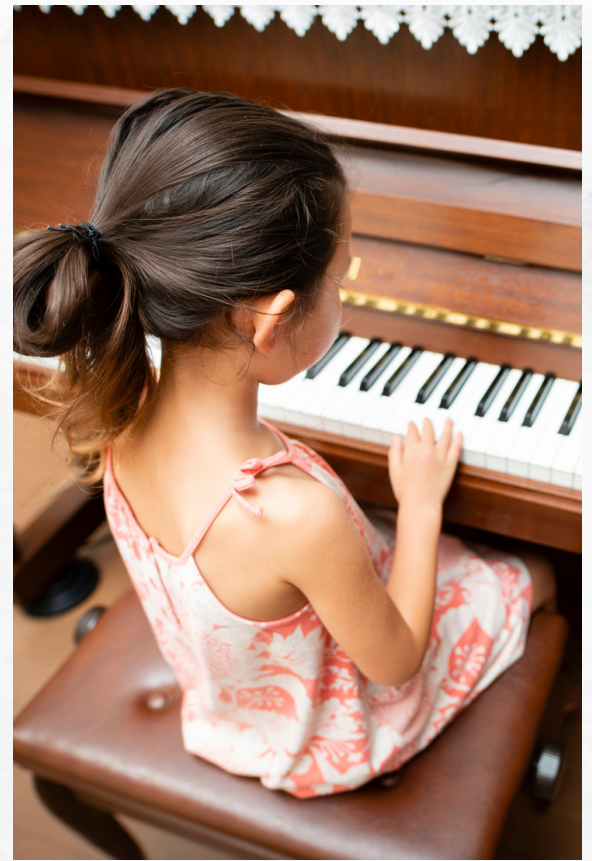


This is Alveary

Awakening Children to Delightful Living





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Please let us know if you intend to use our viewbook in a group setting, such as an information session or co-op, so that we may support you.



Alveary is a complete and comprehensive curriculum and teacher training program for homeschools, co-ops, and schools.

Our aim is to provide a robust and modern course of study that is both true to Charlotte Mason's model of education and relevant for 21st-century students living in the United States and Canada.



Welcome



Thank you for letting us share the richness and beauty of Alveary with you.

In appreciation, we have included a full term of Alveary lesson plans for picture study at the end of this Viewbook. We invite your family to join our current Alveary members in experiencing this art appreciation course.



“The Alveary truly revolutionized our homeschool.”

— Bethany H.



We encourage you to watch this video and hear our members describe the facets they most appreciate about the Alveary curriculum. You will also hear about the decades of work and the many dedicated people behind the nonprofit Charlotte Mason Institute (CMI).



An Introduction to Alveary



Relationship

We believe the primary purpose of education is to support students developing their own unique relationships with a wide variety of people, places, things, and ideas.

Charlotte Mason envisioned a relational education in a living environment filled with books, experiences, nature, and ideas. The child is viewed as a person, and the educator as one who cooperates with God.

A relational education aims for students to grow in their love of God, others, and the world around them so that they continue to increasingly know and care about a wide array of subjects and ideas.





Charlotte Mason

“What worked even fifty years ago will not work today, and what fulfills our needs today will not serve fifty years hence; there is no last word to be said upon education...”

— School Education pp.45-46

Relevance



We want the Alveary to be relevant to our time and place. We choose books that ignite the imagination, allowing children to enter into the stories and to recognize that even people who lived long ago and far away were not that different from themselves.

We are intentional about including books that represent diverse ethnicities and cultures and honor the personhood of all people. This means our students enjoy a balance of both classic and newer titles that are of the highest literary quality.

Our curriculum is written by a team of over 20 veteran Charlotte Mason teachers, homeschool parents, administrators, and researchers.

This means you can be confident in the accuracy and thoroughness of Alveary. We re-evaluate our curriculum each year, using member feedback and student exams to hone the quality of the books we recommend. We assess new titles as we find out about them to see if they should be included. When a book goes out of print we replace that title (or have it republished) to help keep costs low.





With the Templeton Foundation Grant we have developed a comprehensive science course vetted by experts in science fields that answers today's emphasis on STEM subjects while also adhering to Mason's ideas and practices.



Research

Mason’s principles are timeless, based on what she knew to be true of children as image bearers. However, she also recognized the importance of remaining immersed in the best research of her day. We follow her example in order to allow her enduring ideas to breathe freely in our own day.

We are continuing our research right at the home of Mason’s House of Education as part of a partnership with the University of Cumbria at Ambleside. Alveary's former Program Director Dr. Jennifer Spencer, CMI Board Members Dr. Deani Van Pelt and Dr. Jack Beckman, and CMI founder Dr. Carroll Smith have all been named Visiting Research Fellows in Charlotte Mason Studies.





What members are saying...

“The ongoing research of the Charlotte Mason Institute really drew me to the Alveary.”

“Their team of Mason experts takes a deep look at both Mason and current research and then shows me how to implement that in a meaningful and practical way using the best books and resources available.”

— Amy F.



More Than A Book List

Registration for 2023-24 opens February 1. Lesson plans are published on June 1. Memberships expire on June 30, 2024.

01. Daily Lesson Plans for Grades 1-12

Detailed plans for each day with prep notes, alerts, narration ideas, exam questions, links, extra helpings, and much more.

02. Alveary Member Tutorial

An invaluable resource for planning your year and learning Mason's method of teaching each subject.

03. Access to Alveary Team

Have your questions answered in our live Office Hours or via the "Contact" button on our website, and access past Office Hours recordings.

04. Program + Scheduling Tools

Discover the interesting books and resources your students will enjoy this year, and use our helpful tools to create your schedule.

05. Reflective Practice Plan Book

Insightful questions and beautiful planning pages to help you grow as a teacher.

06. Bookshelf

A collection of books in various genres for use as extra free-reads. The Bookshelf contains over 1,000 titles - historical fiction, travel readers, classics, picture books, biographies, science topics, and more. Titles are updated each year so that the titles correlate with the history cycle.

07. Ongoing Teacher Training

An archive of webinars organized by topic and self-paced courses to dig deep into Charlotte Mason's methods and Ideas.

08. Member to Member Support

Join the Alveary Hive to meet members with similar interests, and to build supportive relationships with other members around the globe.

What members are saying...

“I love how the Alveary lesson plans make both combining students and facilitating independent work so much simpler.”

— Beth R.



Frequently-Asked Questions



Can I combine students of different ages using the Alveary?

Yes! We want you to work smarter, not harder, and that means combining as many students as possible for as many courses as possible, as well as allowing students to work independently, as appropriate.

Will I need to spend a lot of time online?

No. Most of our materials are downloadable and some of our members print what they need, then work almost exclusively from paper. Preview all the links from the Lesson Plans at the beginning of each term and print out any maps, pictures, or articles you wish to share with your students.

I'm new to homeschooling, is there a way to ease into Alveary?

We help you incorporate the various elements of a Mason education gradually, even as you learn to teach according to Mason's method.

Can I use Alveary with my school, co-op, or tutorial?

Yes! We have a number of Alveary tutorials, schools, and co-ops, and write our lessons with both home and classroom settings in mind. If you'd like to use Alveary in a classroom context, visit our website for details and to apply.





History Cycles

As History is the pivot for a Charlotte Mason education, many of the other subjects (i.e., Poetry, Music Appreciation, Art Appreciation, Architecture, Literature, and others) are situated within the particular time period, as well.

Rotation 01:

800 – 1650 AD
(Grades 5-12 also study
3500-550 BC)

Rotation 02:

1650 -1800 AD
(Grades 5-12 also study
550-100 BC)

Rotation 03:

1800 -1900 AD
(Grades 5-12 also study
100 BC-350 AD)

Rotation 04:

1900 – present
(Grades 5-12 also study
350-800 AD)

What members are saying...

“I’d like to give a big thank you and shout out to all the effort that has been put into ensuring Alveary has curated a true feast that is diverse in topics and diversity itself.”

“We have loved learning about Inuit culture in a truly culturally respectful way thanks to Alveary!”

- Hana S.

We will study this rotation for the 2023-24 school year.



Meet

Charlotte Mason



Almost a century after her death, Charlotte Mason’s design for education continues to stir the imagination and inspire the practice of parents and teachers, impacting the lives and education of thousands of children. But who was she, and how did this movement begin?

A British educator and philosopher, Charlotte Mason (1842-1923) designed, developed, and promoted a relational education in an atmosphere filled with books, experiences, nature, and ideas, where the child is viewed as a person and the educator as one who cooperates with God. Mason wrote a series of six volumes in which she describes her philosophy of education.

As she promoted the idea that “education is an atmosphere, a discipline, and a life,” Mason summarized her educational philosophy into twenty principles drawn from what she knew to be true about humans as image-bearers, from her direct observations of children during her decades of teaching, and from the best science of psychology and physiology of her day.

To learn more about Charlotte Mason’s philosophy as it applies to education today, scan the QR code and view our series of short videos. If you don’t have time to watch the complete series right now, we especially recommend the final video, “Current Research and the Zeitgeist”.



Scan me to learn more about Charlotte Mason.

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