

WHAT IS CLASSICAL EDUCATION?

The foundation: principles of teaching

Language intensive (reflective, not reactive)

Trains the mind to learn

Demands self-discipline

The walls:

Grammar stage learning

Logic stage learning

Rhetoric stage learning

Use of living books and original sources

Distinction: skills vs. content

The roof:

The chronological study of history

“It is absurd to hold that a man should be ashamed of an inability to defend himself with his limbs, but not ashamed of an inability to defend himself with speech and reason; for the use of rational speech is more distinctive of a human being than the use of his limbs.”

-- Aristotle, *Rhetoric*