

Creating Your Own Unit Studies

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What is a unit study?

A Unit Study takes a theme or topic (a unit of study) and delves into it deeply over a period of time, integrating language arts, science, social studies, math, and fine arts as they apply. Instead of studying eight or ten separate, unrelated subjects, all subjects are blended together and studied around a common theme or project.

Home School Marketplace <http://new.homeschoolmarketplace.com/homeschool-unit-study/>

My perspective: Unit studies are a way to make learning more engaging by studying a topic of interest in a variety of ways; naturally incorporating more than one academic subject in the process. They can be highly researched and organized or more spontaneous and free flowing.

Unit Studies are not unique to homeschooling.

Prepared Unit Studies – www.konos.com – Bible-based unit studies, www.homeschoolshare.com – free unit studies, Literature Units by Teacher Created Resources, activity books – Hands on History series or Kaleidoscope Kids series.

Why create your own?

Where to begin:

1. Choose a topic
2. Gather Resources and Brainstorm
3. Organize
4. Schedule
5. Recordkeeping

Or if this seems overwhelming take a more relaxed approach and follow an interest or passion – do what you are comfortable with. Learning can be fun. Give yourself permission to have fun. Model this for your children by exploring a topic together and sharing the joy of discovery.

Unit studies weave our learning together in meaningful and often exciting ways.

Some ideas:

Domes	Ancient Civilizations	Insects	Architecture	Weather	Money	Geometry
Sculpture	Composers	Poets	Painters	US Constitution	Orchestra	Sound
Tabernacle	Explorers	Human Body	Authors	Astronomy	Gardening	Construction
Flowers	World Geography	Trees	PA History	Medieval Times	Cooking	Aviation
Ants	Famous Mathematicians	Electricity	Country	Animation	Butterflies	Technology

<http://ourjourneywestward.com/how-to-plan-a-unit-study/>

<http://laffranchinid.faculty.mjc.edu/Ch6.pdf> graphic organizers last few pages

<http://www.thehomeschoolmagazine-digital.com/thehomeschoolmagazine/2016annual?pg=58#pg58> article about unit studies by Marcy Crabtree

www.donnayoung.org/forms/planners/unitstudy.htm

<https://www.worldbook.com/typical-course-of-study.aspx> World Book typical course of study by grade level

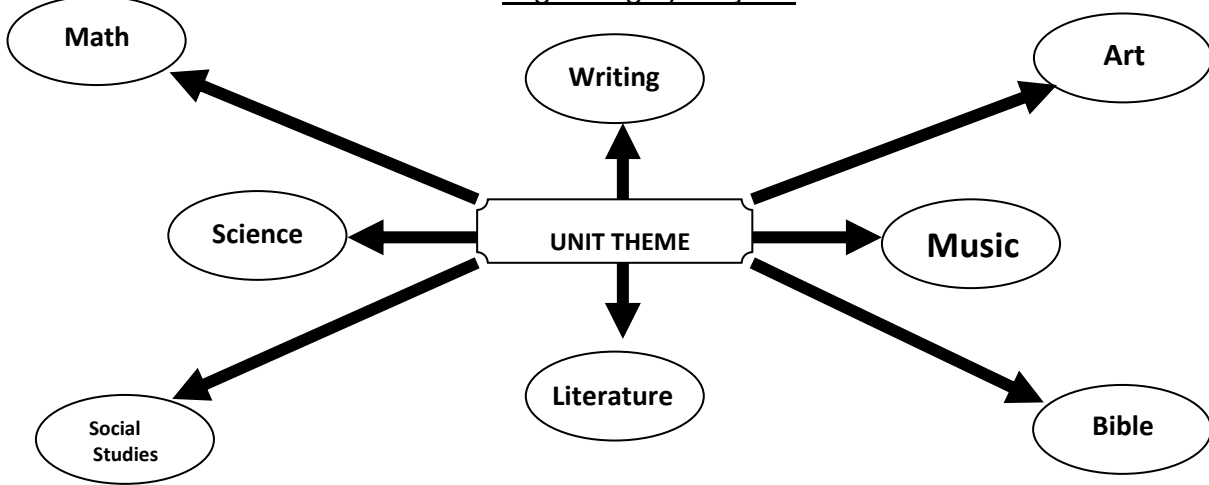
<http://www.sciencebuddies.org/> find a project idea

<https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/4HEnt> 4-H entomology materials

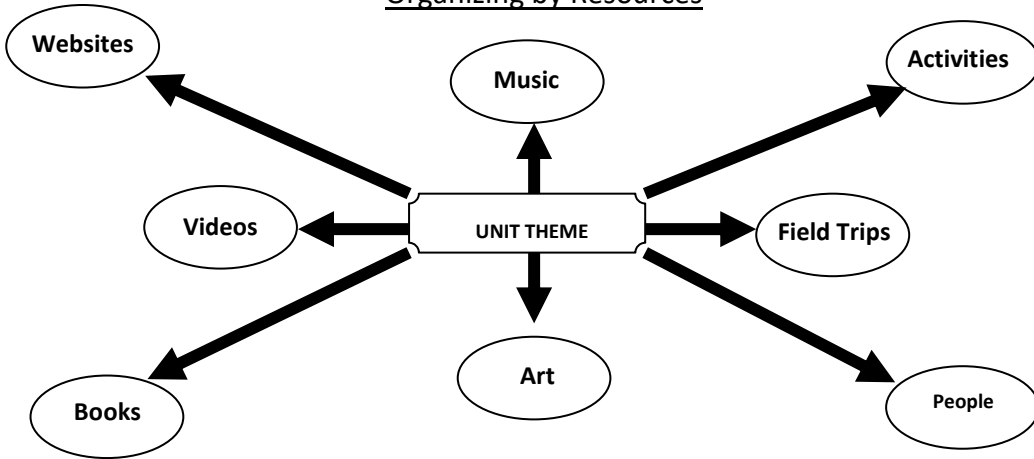
<http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/educationresources.aspx>

<https://thehomeschoolsisters.com/2017/10/04/lazy-unit-study/> Lazy Unit Study approach

Organizing by Subjects



Organizing by Resources



Organizing by Lessons

