

WHAT NORTHSIDE TEACHES STUDENTS ABOUT HISTORY

1. The proper study of history begins with a proper concept of man and of God.

Secular	Man is a highly evolved animal, can do as he pleases, controls events. “God” is a figment of the imagination, necessary only for the weak.
Bible	Man is created in the image of God, with free will, with accountability. God allows man great freedom, but He controls all events providentially.
Rejects	Anthropology: rejects evolution, materialism, naturalism, determinism, etc. Theology: rejects atheism, agnosticism, pantheism, secular humanism, etc.

2. The proper study of history requires an accurate, objective selection and presentation of facts.

Secular	Begins with an erroneous world view and ignores facts which contradict it.
Bible	Considers all facts. Selection is a valid sample of all pertinent information.
Rejects	Rejects revisionism as bad history produced by a distorted agenda. Rejects “social studies” as a replacement for objective, substantive history.

3. The proper study of history requires an accurate, objective evaluation of facts.

Secular	History repeats itself endlessly, driven primarily by economics.
Bible	History demonstrates that adherence to God’s laws produces prosperity. Violating them results in ruin.
Rejects	Rejects multiculturalism and any notion that diverse cultural values are indifferent, or that their application to everyday life produces no discernible difference.

4. The proper study of history provides an integrating perspective.

Secular	No intelligent beginning (big bang), driving force (economics), or ending (cyclical).
Bible	Begins with creation, continues under providential control, ends in two eternal destinies. History is linear, and the two keys for integrating all events are Israel and the Church.
Rejects	Rejects evolution, naturalism, materialism, determinism, fatalism, existentialism, etc.

5. The proper study of history provides a providential perspective.

Secular	Not a possibility.
Bible	The facts demonstrate the accuracy of “the fullness of the time” for Jesus’ birth. The facts demonstrate God’s wonderful orchestration of Reformation elements. The facts demonstrate God’s providential care for Israel for over 4,000 years. The facts demonstrate God’s prophetic plan will be literally and perfectly fulfilled.
Rejects	Rejects the notion of random happenings or of even a single random happening.

6. The proper study of history provides a personal perspective.

Secular	The individual must forsake his individuality, being absorbed into the group. Personal excellence, regionalism, and patriotism are discouraged.
Bible	Each believer has a gift to exercise. The whole church, and by extension the whole world, profits when he utilizes it, and likewise suffers when he does not. The true historian celebrates individual excellence, regionalism, and patriotism.
Rejects	Rejects the current emphasis on self-image, multiculturalism, and globalism.

Northside Christian School, with much prayer and deliberate care, employs faculty and selects curricular materials with the specific purpose of teaching history from this Biblical perspective.