

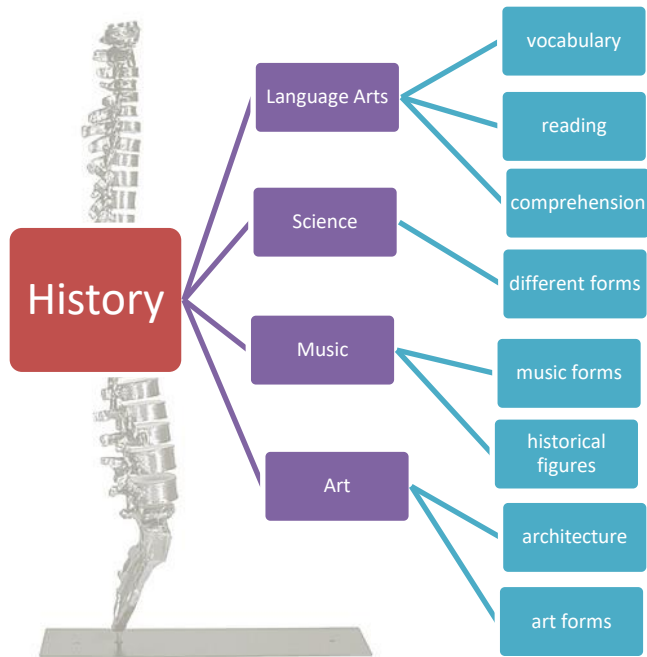
In Deep Water: Homeschooling through turbulence

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, & self-discipline” (2nd Tim, 1:7, NLT).

- Sinking – things that overwhelm
 - Expectations
 - Family
 - Time constraints
 - Curriculum
 - Co-ops or extra-curricular
- Remembering the “why”
 - Why was homeschooling chosen?
- Lighthouse (Ps. 28:7)
 - Points of action
 - Limited people – limitless God

“Our Lord is great, with limitless strength; we’ll never comprehend what He knows and does” (Ps. 147:5, Message)

- The Vortex - Common challenges
 - Behavior
 - Academic
 - Interpersonal
 - Life skills
- Life preservers: Finding support
 - Support groups
 - Co-ops
 - Professional
- Navigation – action points
 - Behavior
 - Combine subjects



- Interpersonal (friends, family, strangers)
 - Does child interact in a socially acceptable way?
 - Eye contact
 - Give and take discussion
 - Able to ask for
 - Help
 - Make a purchase
 - Ask for directions
- Self-help skills

➤ Lifelines

○ Refuel

- Time with God
 - you can't pour into your kids what you don't have
- Supportive friends
 - Online
 - With skin on them
 - Co-ops
 - Church
 - Women's group
 - Books
 - Specific to homeschooling
 - Parenting
 - Christian walk
 - SPED homeschooling

➤ Helpful resources (not exhaustive – but what I found helpful)

○ Books

- For homeschooling
 - Homeschooling on a Shoestring by Melissa L. Morgan & Judith Waite Alle
 - Educating the Wholehearted Child by Clay and Sally Clarkson
 - The Old Schoolhouse Magazine

- The Busy Mom's Guide to Daylight by Heidi St John
- Generic parenting books
 - Shepherding
- SPED specific
 - Homeschool help
 - How to Get Your Child off the Refrigerator and on to Learning by Carol Branier
 - Generic help
 - The Out-of-Sync Child by Carol Stock Kranowitz