

Introduction to State Standards Correlation Charts

We developed the accompanying state standards correlations charts to help school superintendents, principals, and teachers see how our Catholic history/social studies textbook series aligns with state social studies standards. As the charts suggest, our textbooks, though targeted for certain grades, nevertheless allow for flexibility in how they are used. For instance, a textbook targeted for, say, grade 5 might be used in grades 6, 7, and 8. We have found that schools use our books across different grade levels.

These standards correlations presume the following:

- ♦ *From Sea to Shining Sea: The Story of America* can be used in grades 5-8.
- ♦ *All Ye Lands: World Cultures and Geography* can be used in grades 6-8.
- ♦ *Light to the Nations, Part I: The Development of Christian Civilization* can be used in grades 7-9.
- ♦ *Light to the Nations, Part II: The Making of the Modern World* can be used in grades 8-10.
- ♦ *Lands of Hope and Promise: A History of North America* is written for a high school U.S. history course. Though it is meant for high-school age students, eighth grade students might benefit from it, on account of its engaging, story-based presentation. This is especially so if (as is often the case with state standards) a middle school U.S. history course focuses only on a portion of American history and thus only a portion of the book needs to be covered in a particular school year. Too, the story format of our texts helps younger students enter into and understand the content of the texts. *We encourage teachers, however, to review the book before adopting it for an eighth-grade class.*

If you have any questions concerning these standards correlations charts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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