



Beginning Your Charlotte Mason Homeschool

## 5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN CHOOSING A CM CURRICULUM

**Step #1: Does it follow Charlotte Mason's Programmes?**

- Does it include all the Subjects in a given Form?

**Step #2: Does it follow Charlotte's Method?**

- Allows the student to *"do the work for themselves"*

**Step #3: Does it incorporate the use of Living Books and Narration?**

- You can't tell, or narrate, what you don't know
- You can't narrate if you aren't using living books

**Step #4: Does it follow Charlotte's scheduling regarding Frequency and Length of Lessons?**

- Schedules books no more than once or twice per week
- Allows for *"slow and deliberate reading"*
- Short lessons; length is appropriate to the Form

**Step #5: Does the curriculum fit your family?**

- Is it easily tweaked to fit your family?
- Does it give you the tools (and the permission) to make changes?

**Also: Does the curriculum bring Simplicity and Beauty to your homeschool?**

- How does the curriculum affect the atmosphere of your home?
- Does it make you or your children feel overwhelmed or pressured?
- A CM Curriculum should give you a sense of peace
- Less stress and more JOY