



Classroom Catechisms: From Creating to Implementing

Scholé Groups & ClassicalU Webinar - March 2022

Agenda

- A. **Synopsis:** Josh Gibbs will describe a classroom practice for teaching the Great Books (or other arts). He advocates for what he calls the “class catechism,” a daily ritual that promises to get students to remember important information for life and prepare the students to learn well. He will address the authoring of a catechism, the purpose of it, the implementation, and other related topics.
- B. **Main Goals Tonight:**
 - Authoring a catechism
 - The purpose of it
 - Its implementation
- C. **Personal Announcements:**
 - The first Gibbs Classical Online Summer Conference will be held July 8 - 9, 2022
 - Pamphlet for Prospective Students, a short apologia for cce aimed at students, not parents
 - Gibbs Classical where he offers online classes, consultation, and the Proverbial podcast
- D. **Q&A**

TONIGHT’S OUTLINE

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| I. Background in the use of catechisms | productive, memorable, unobtrusive, and useful in classroom management. | III. Instructions along 3 fundamental principles: stand and recite daily, 5-6 |
| II. Fundamentals or key features that make it | | |



- mins in length, include
canonical text quotations
- IV. “Impractical” benefits:
begins in ceremony,
teacher confidence is
justified, premium placed

- on class time, frames the
class to take curriculum
seriously, provides time to
transient between classes
- V. Explain the intentions to
the class upfront

Q & A

Questions that were answered in the webinar

- How do you take your recommendations and apply them to an online class environment?
- Do you start class reciting the entire catechism or build up to it over the school year?
- How do I prepare to write a catechism with unfamiliar texts as the teacher?
- How do I curate a catechism for students of different ages?
- Is there anything in common to creating catechisms for all disciplines?
- In a homeschool setting, are catechisms conducted the same as in an institutional setting?
- What is the best practice for a catechism for very young students?

Resources Mentioned Tonight

Gibbs Classical (sign up here for mailing list)

- **Conference**: Registration is now open for the 2022 Online Summer Conference, which will be held July 8-9.
 - **Schedule**
 - **Registration**
- **Online Classes**: Learn more about course offerings.
- **Consultation**: Distance and in-person consultation available for classical schools and educators
- **Pamphlet**: a short apologia for CCE aimed at students, not parents
- **Proverbial Podcast**: Uncommon wisdom for common people
- **Publications**: Books & selected articles

Blogger for the CiRCE Institute

Blasphemer by Joshua Gibbs: Kindle Edition (short stories)

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