



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 apology 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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