



## Common Arts Education with Christopher Hall

### Lecture 4: The Basic Common Arts

#### Outline:

##### The Basic Common Arts

- These are precursors to all of the formal practice of the first order common arts.
- What are these precursor arts?
  - The skills that serve for the foundations for practice of any of the major common arts.
  - First aid, describing the basic properties of wood, demonstrate proper safety devices and procedures for woodworking are some of the precursor arts.
  - There is a grammar (vocabulary) entering into this.
  - What do you notice? What worked and what didn't work?
  - Wilderness survival skills, how to operate a fire extinguisher are other examples of precursor arts.
  - Even early childhood education can learn to safely wield a hammer.
- Model. Guide, Attempt, and Own
  - Modelling means showing an apprentice how something is done (eyes, ears, and questions).
  - Describe what you see me do in your words.
  - Let the child train their observation. Resist the urge to jump in without the child asking.
  - After they master the first attempts, give them a chance to have them attempt again.
  - Owning the skill is internalizing the skill. Then, see how they apprentice. See what virtues need to be formed in order to make these skills go.
- Starting points
  - First aid is easy to integrate into health and physical education.
  - Five basic knots
  - Even a novice can begin using basic tools for home repair.