



## Teaching the Great Books with Joshua Gibbs

Lesson: Course  
Introduction

### Outline:

This course is directed towards instructors teaching the great books to primarily high school students.

- Gibbs attended (but did not appreciate) a classical school but did not begin to love classical education until he was invited to teach years later.
- As a teacher, the best approach to a text is as a student and not a master.
- Classical education is about being subject to what is great in man as God reveals it.
- If you condemn a book from the start you and the students will both fail to learn from it — you approach as the master of the text with nothing to learn.
- We live in a society of quick opinions, but classical education asks students to be patient and listen before speaking.