

Gypsy Gameschooler's Unit Studies



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I love creating unit studies to help provide a rich world to explore. I don't view learning as something that is finite, or that has an end, so I don't worry about finishing, or doing everything. But I love finding a lot of resources for my kids to explore, without the worksheets or quizzes. If you're looking for worksheets, you're going to be disappointed, but if you want diverse lists of resources: books, movies, documentaries, TV shows, websites, and subscriptions, then this unit study is for you. Please do not feel that your child needs to read every book or watch every movie. There are picture books, comic books, early readers, and chapter books of a variety of lengths, so some books will not be appropriate for your child. The same goes with the rest of the resources. Pick and choose what is available to you, what you think your child will enjoy, and what will help the unit study be successful for you. At the same time, don't be afraid to substitute; this is by no means an exhaustive list. Also note that the books can be read by the child, either in print or on an ereader, read by the caregiver to the child, or listened to by the child as an audiobook. Whatever works for your child is fine.

Some subscriptions my family has used during our country unit studies, and what I think of them:

Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels - this is by far my favorite subscription we've gotten. It's a monthly letter that comes with four different recipes, each from a different country or location.

Little Passports - We got this for two years and kept everything, so you'll see I include it in some of the unit studies. It's not my favorite, but it might be a great fit for you. There is a letter, but also a worksheet and one recipe. Each month is from a different country, and comes with a small toy or activity, and access to a website with more information about the country.

Around the World Stories - If you have auditory learners, this is excellent! Four ~30 minute stories from each of the countries they feature. However, they seem to have stopped creating new stories part way through Asia, so you might want to be cautious about purchasing the Asia stories.

Letters from Afar - we do not have this subscription service, but I have included them in my unit studies, as I have heard nothing but amazing things about them.

Parts Unknown is a TV show, and I really like it. There is some language, so you may want to pre-watch for young learners. It is available to purchase streaming rights on Amazon. It is mostly about food in different areas, but also goes into some social and political issues.

Curiosity Stream is all documentaries, and they regularly have sales for just \$12/year! This is one of my family's favorite resources.

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Book List:

Title	Author	# Pgs	Illustrated	Fiction/ Nonfiction
The Caper of the Crown Jewels (Secret Agent Jack Stalwart)	Hunt, Elizabeth Singer	147	yes	fiction
Never Too Young (pg 89)	Weintraub, Aileen	112	color	nonfiction
The Long Weekend: life in the English country house, 1918-1939	Tinniswood, Adrian	322	Yes, some color	nonfiction
England: World Adventures	Cavell-Clarke, Steffi	24	color	nonfiction
England	Finn, Allan	32	color	nonfiction
The Secrets of Winter	Upson, Nicola	295	no	fiction
The Goldfish Boy	Thompson, Lisa	313	no	fiction
If Walls Could Talk: an intimate history of the home	Worsley, Lucy	351	Yes, some color	nonfiction
Little Dorrit	Dickens, Charles	985	yes	fiction
The Family Upstairs	Jewell, Lisa	340	no	fiction
A Corner of White	Moriarty, Jaclyn	373	no	fiction
The Mysteries of Stonehenge	Weitzman, Elizabeth	32	color	nonfiction
The Long-Lost Home	Wood, Maryrose	440	yes	fiction
The Amulet of Samarkand	Stroud, Jonathan	462	no	fiction
The Royal Rabbits of London escape from the palace	Montefiore, Santa	203	yes	fiction
Monster on the hill	Harrell, Rob	186	color	fiction
The Book of Lost Things	Connolly, John	470	no	fiction
Whistling in the Dark	Hughes, Shirley	227	yes	fiction

I Capture the Castle	Smith, Dodie	343	yes	fiction
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle, Arthur Conan	321	no	fiction
Where Is Stonehenge?	Kelley, True	108	yes	nonfiction
Winter Story	Barklem, Jill	unpaged	color	fiction
Who Is Elton John?	Anderson, Kirsten	105	yes	nonfiction
You Wouldn't Want to be Sick in the 16th Century! : diseases you'd rather not catch	Senior, Kathryn	32	color	nonfiction
Lisa of Willesden Lane: a true story of music and survival during World War II	Golabek, Mona	156	yes	nonfiction
Hold on to your Music: the inspiring true story of the children of Willesden Lane	Golabek, Mona	unpaged	color	nonfiction
When the Tripods Came	Christopher, John	197	no	fiction
A Christmas Carol	Dickens, Charles	67	color	fiction
Paddington on Top	Bond, Michael	133	yes	fiction
The Borrowers	Norton, Mary	180	yes	fiction
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	Pitcher, Annabel	214	no	fiction
England	Waby, Tasmin	702	color	nonfiction
England	Simmons, Walter	32	color	nonfiction
England	Blashfield, Jean	144	color	nonfiction
Cultural Traditions in the United Kingdom	Peppas, Lynn	32	color	nonfiction
England (Festivals of the world)	Whyte, Harlinah	32	color	nonfiction
England	Lister, Maree	48	color	nonfiction
Favorite Fairy Tales Told in England	Haviland, Virginia	94	yes	fiction

Your Passport to England	Dickmann, Nancy	32	color	nonfiction
Queen Elizabeth I of England	Kraske, Robert	32	color	nonfiction
Medieval England	Hinds, Kathryn	79	color	nonfiction

TV Shows:

Downton Abbey

Call the Midwife (this show does explore abortion, teen pregnancy, and other controversial subjects, so pre-screening may be appropriate for your family)

Lark Rise to Candleford

Parts Unknown, Season 8, Episode 4

Possible Subscriptions:

Little Passports (month 10)

Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels - there are actually 2 letters from England, and one from Scotland

Letters From Afar

Around the World Stories

Movies:

Name	Length	Rating	Fun/Documentary
Travel with kids: England	60 mins	N/R	documentary
Families of England	30 minutes	N/R	documentary
Pride and Prejudice	2 hr, 9 min	PG	fun
Mary Poppins Returns	130 mins	PG	fun
My Fair Lady	172 mins	G	fun
Robin Hood (there are several versions, even a TV show)			fun
Little Dorrit	452 mins	N/R	fun
England: Castles, Cottages, and Countryside	120	N/R	documentary

Documentaries from Curiosity Stream:

Classical Destinations II: Great Cities and their Music, episodes 6, 7

The Story of Wales

Butterfly Effect, episodes 4, 7
Women Who Made History
William the Conqueror
The Real War of Thrones, season 2, episodes 1, 2, 5
European History (there are 50 episodes, each around 15 minutes, and England is caught up in, or at least impacted, by all of what's discussed)
Hidden UK
Magna Carta
Besieged Fortresses, episode 1
Elizabeth I: Killer Queen
Literature IV, episodes 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12
Henry V: Leader for the Ages
Apocalypse: World War I
The Story of Europe
The History of English
Saints and Sinners
Ancient Engineering
War of 1812

Recipes:

(These first 12 are from our Miss Maisy's mailings!)

Potato and Onion Pasties
Toad in the Hole with Onion Gravy
Sticky Toffee Pudding
Rumbledethumps
Scones
Steak and Ale Pie
Braised Cabbage and Carrots and Mashed Potatoes
Treacle Tart
Victoria Sponge
Cottage Loaf
Fish and Chips
Scotch Eggs
Apple Crumble (from Little Passports)

<https://insanelygoodrecipes.com/british-recipes/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/british-recipes>

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/photos/british-recipes>

Websites:

<https://www.visitbritain.com/us/en>

<https://www.visitbritain.org/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/visitbritain>

<https://www.visitengland.com/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNu8XDBSn10&ab_channel=CGPGrey

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mL1RsDRvTig&ab_channel=GeogGCA

<http://radio.garden/listen/swinging-radio-england/ropUYNIa> - listen to the United Kingdom's radio stations!

<https://learnodo-newtonic.com/famous-british-artists>

https://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_country.php?cid=228&cn=United_Kingdom - an excellent resource for older students

Other Resources:

Purple Rocket Podcast: Grandpa's Globe, Episode 13

Some composers from England:

Elgar

Britten

Byrd

Handel

Holst

The Beatles