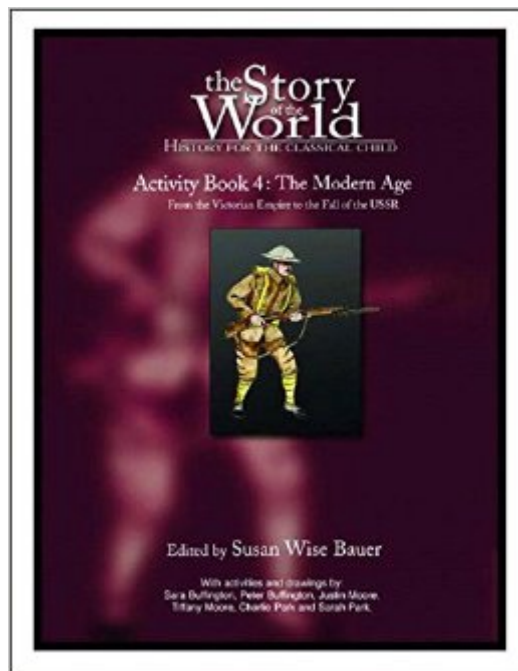


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# The Story Of The World Activity Book Four: The Modern Age: From Victoria's Empire To The End Of The USSR



## Synopsis

Build a model of the Crystal Palace, make Ned Kelly's armor, and color and construct a timeline of the Modern Age...don't just read about historyâ•experience it! This comprehensive, 8.5" x 11" curriculum guide and activity book contains map activities, coloring pages, games, projects, review questions, cross-references to illustrated encyclopedias, and extensive book lists. Children and parents love the activities, ranging from cooking projects to crafts, board games to science experiments, and puzzles to projects. Each Story of the World Activity Book provides a full year of history study when combined with the Textbook, Audiobook, and Testsâ•each available separately to accompany each volume of The Story of the World Activity Book. Activity Book 4 Grade Recommendation: Grades 3-8. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white drawings and maps

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## Customer Reviews

The prior three activity books have been a great addition to our homeschooling, but this activity book vol 4 was a huge disappointment. It contains mostly maps. We get plenty of maps in the reading book. This looks to be more appropriate for older grades. It is not as useful for the younger grades which was the benefit of her other books, they were great for all levels. Not this one.

I have never written a review before, but felt compelled to for this book. We are in our 4th year of using Story of the World and have always loved it. The activity book to volume 4 is a huge disappointment to me because of the lack of reading list suggestions for the lower grades. My favorite thing about Story of the World is that I have been able to easily present it to a variety of grade levels (I currently teach 6th, 4th and 2nd and K). The past activity books have allowed me to get books at each child's level (without having to go search them out myself). They have also provided pictures and coloring activities for the younger students, all of which allowed me to easily tailor the chapter's work to each child. This activity book will be very nice for my older children, but will leave me doing extra work for my younger ones (a prospect I am not looking forward to). My expectations were that this activity book would provide the same type of materials and activities as the first three. This book falls far of meeting my expectations. I am dissappointed that the authors decided to make what I see as a fundamental change in this last book of the series.

History is our favorite subject, thanks to Story of the World Volumes 1-3. The activities were pitched just right for our 1-4 graders, and we are planning to do the entire series again after finishing Book 4. However, unlike the first three volumes, the activity book for Vol. 4 was pitched for students somewhere in 8th to 10th grade. It was not an incremental step up from the other three levels, but a huge leap forward, maybe 6 grade levels or so. It was not at all accessible, fun, or even adaptable for lower grades, and we were so frustrated we quit the book in Chapter 14. I'd strongly encourage the editors and authors to remake this book to be accessible - as are the other three - for younger students.

This activity book looks to be exactly right for my son who will be in fourth grade and nine -years-old. He is excited about switching from summaries to the outlines and we all love the maps. You just can't have too many maps in a book, at least in this house you can't. I can see that if you have not been following the Well Trained Mind suggestions in having your child write detailed 6-10 sentence summaries, then the writing might be overwhelming, but I think it is the perfect next step for those of us who have. Compared to the suggested summaries for the third volume of the series, I was pleased that the emphasis for Volume Four seems to be on organization of writing rather than volume.

This book has been very helpful in planning a history curriculum. Other reviewers are correct the ditto portion you can copy is mainly maps. It is also a bit weaker than the other books in this group.

However, despite those two complaints, this is a very useful book when planning curriculum for a homeschool student. There are discussion topics, craft ideas and more.

I love this activity book! I have used all of The Story of the World books with my children. I used only two of the activity guides in the past as I use another curriculum in conjunction with these books. My youngest is now in 7th grade and I am going to use this activity book exclusively with her for the remainder of this year and her upcoming eighth grade year. I am so very pleased with it! I almost didn't get it because of the other reviews but there was one that gave me hope. My daughter is so glad I gave it a try. We love the activities, as well as the outlines, and maps! The timeline figures work very nicely with our timeline book we just cut them a little smaller. Thank you Susan Wise Bauer and Charlie Park for another great activity book!

Packed full of maps for geography work -- awesome outlines that are left partially blank for the students to fill in -- It is definitely geared towards the older "middle grade" student -- advanced 5th grade and right on target for junior higher's. The activity book no longer provides as many coloring pages as the previous books and this is a disappointment to all of us, even our 8th grader. Otherwise, it's a nice wrap up and well written and informative.

I didn't think I'd be as happy with this book as I was with Vols. 2&3, but even though the reading lists aren't as extensive, I'm thrilled with the timeline cards & PRONUNCIATION GUIDE! If they were in the other volumes, I missed them. It's such a great idea to have the pronunciation guide when you read aloud! My DD9 will learn how to relate historical events so much better using the timeline cards as well. Can't WAIT to get going!

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