



What is Classical Education?

Seven Arts of Classical Education:

Trivium {the three arts of language}

Grammar: letter sounds, reading, spelling, penmanship, constructing writing, recitation, rich literature

Logic: art of thinking, discerning, analyzing; strengthening a child's mind for sound argumentation and clarity in reasoning

Rhetoric: reading & listening to poetry and great orators; utilizing the *rules* of grammar and logic "to express knowledge eloquently, with beauty and persuasion" (Swope, *Simply Classical*, 99)

Quadrivium {the four arts of mathematics}

Arithmetic: theory of number; number concepts, simple operations, systematic teaching & memorization of facts

Music Theory: number in time

Geometry: number in space

Astronomy: number in time and space

These seven arts are combined with history, literature, music, and languages to form the core of classical education.