Step 1: Curriculum Format. Choose one from each set below:

- I prefer step-by-step instructions or I do not need step-by-step instructions
- I like to follow a pre-planned schedule or I get bored easily and/or like to set my own schedule
- I like someone to be accountable to or I am very independent and like to be the “boss”
- I want my child to have his own books at his own level or I would like to do multi-level teaching as much as possible
- I dislike paperwork and recordkeeping or I don’t mind doing paperwork and keeping records
- I tend to be insecure about doing things “different” or I have no problem doing things “different”
- I rather study what someone else has researched or I love learning, reading, and researching on my own
- I don’t have much time to prepare lessons or I have time to prepare lessons
- I don’t have much time to shop and gather supplies or I have time to shop and gather supplies
- I’m concerned about my child getting back into school or I am not concerned about my child getting back into school

# ✓ in left column (Structured): _____________   # ✓ in right column (Flexible): _____________

Record the format with the highest number of checkmarks here. If the numbers are equal, choose Flexible as this is what you will want to work towards:  
- Structured  
- Flexible

Step 2: Faith Based or Nonsectarian. Choose one:  
- Faith-based Curriculum  
- I prefer a secular curriculum  
- No preference

Step 3: Teaching Method. Complete the chart on page 2. Record the results here:

- Charlotte Mason  
- Classical  
- Unit Study  
- Principle Approach  
- Unschooling  
- Montessori  
- Traditional

Step 4: Learning Style. Administer a Learning Style survey to your children and yourself or primary teacher. Record the results here:

Teacher: _____________   
Child #1: _____________   
Child #2: _____________   
Child #3: _____________   
Child #4: _____________   
Child #5: _____________   
Child #6: _____________   

- Read/Write  
- Visual  
- Auditory  
- Kinesthetic

Step 5: Budget. My budget for homeschooling this year is:  
- Less than $100  
- $100 - $300  
- $300 - $500  
- $500 - $1000  
- Whatever it takes

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<td>Incorporates social studies, science, fine arts, language arts, religion, and limited math</td>
<td>Students choose what they want to learn, how they want to learn it, and when</td>
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Step 6: Write the results of this survey here:

I should choose curriculum that is ____________________________ [structure], ______________________ [FB or NS], uses ____________________________ [teaching method(s)], and ____________________________ [learning style(s)] at a cost of $ ___________.

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