

AMI 12-18 Diploma Course 2022

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Required Readings

Montessori, Maria, *The Absorbent Mind* (Montessori-Pierson).

A discussion of the development of infants and young children, birth to three years

Montessori, Maria, *Citizen of the World* (Montessori-Pierson) 2019. A collection of lectures focused on the role education plays in social reform.

Montessori, Maria, *Education and Peace* (Montessori-Pierson).

Essays including lectures from 6th International Montessori Congress in Copenhagen in 1937.

Montessori, Maria, *From Childhood to Adolescence* (Montessori-Pierson). Appendices A and B offer the educational environment and approach recommended for adolescents.

Montessori, Maria, *The Secret of Childhood* (Montessori-Pierson).

An introduction, both practical and theoretical, including observations and insights into the nature of young children.

Montessori, Mario, *The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education* (AMI, second edition).

A classic essay on the imagination, the natural characteristics of the child, and the integration of human development and history.

Montessori, Maria. *To Educate the Human Potential*, (Montessori-Pierson)

An overview of the elements of Cosmic Education for the 6-12 year-old.

Montessori, Maria, *The 1946 London Lectures* (The Montessori Series, Volume 17, Montessori-Pierson).

In these lectures, six years before her death, Maria Montessori speaks with the mature wisdom of a lifetime of studying, not just early childhood, but human development as a whole: infancy, the elementary-school years and adolescence.

AMI Communications 2011:

“The Adolescent: A Social Newborn”
“Principles and Practice in Education”
“Development and Education of the Adolescent,” Kodaikanal lecture
“Three Levels of Ascent,” Maria Montessori
“The San Remo Lectures”

Readings to be provided by SMTC in downloadable PDF form:

- “The Four Planes of Development,” Camillo Grazzini
- E.M. Standing, *Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work*, chapter 17, pp.263-270
- “Some Suggestions and Remarks On Observing Children,” Maria Montessori (NAMTA Journal)
- Maria Montessori, “Lecture 19” 1921
- Maria Montessori, “Lecture 4” 1927
- “Observation,” by Hilla Patell (NAMTA Journal)
- “The Observation Artist” by Molly O’Shaughnessey (NAMTA Journal)

Additional Readings (not required)

Montessori, Maria, *The Discovery of the Child* (Montessori-Pierson).

Early writings of Dr. Montessori highlighting the materials and the work of the child in the primary class (ages 3-6).

Montessori, Mario M., Jr., *Education for Human Development* (Montessori-Pierson).

The ideas of Montessori from a philosophical, psychological, and educational point of view. Foreword by Buckminster Fuller.

Montessori, Maria, *Education for a New World* (Montessori-Pierson).

A discussion of the role of education in a changing world.

Montessori, Maria, *The Formation of Man* (Montessori-Pierson).

Dr. Montessori’s approach to world literacy.

Montessori, Maria, Volume I of *The Advanced Montessori Method*. (Montessori-Pierson).

Standing, E.M. *Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work*. Plume, Revised ed. edition, 1998