The History of the Montessori Method

1. Indirect Preparation
   a. Overview of Maria Montessori’s life 1870-1907
   b. Education and early career
      i. Study of the sciences
      ii. Work with “abnormal” children
      iii. Seguin and Itard

2. First Casa dei Bambini – 1907
   a. First principles established
   b. Three central components
   c. What the children showed her

3. The Montessori Movement 1907-2007

Reading:

*Secret of Childhood*, Part II Chapters 2 and 3
*The Absorbent Mind*, Chapters 1 and 2
*The Discovery of the Child*, Chapter 2 and 3
*Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work*, Part I, Chapters 1-4

Handouts:

*Montessori: My System of Education* – Dr. Maria Montessori
*The Life and Work of Dr. Maria Montessori (timeline)*
“How it All Happened” – Dr. Maria Montessori
*Some Remarks on the Anthropology of Montessori Education* – Mario Montessori
*Gandhi and Maria Montessori* – A.M. Joosten
*The Aims of the Social Party of the Child* – Dr. Maria Montessori

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