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Teacher Perspective Textbook Critique

Local school boards may also want to consider other criteria to meet the needs of their student population.
All teachers that reviewed this material are highly qualified in their specific field in education.

Textbook Title: *World History Ancient Civilizations.*
Publisher: Holt Dougal
Grade Level: 6th grade
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780030940354.
ISBN No. Student Edition:

TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

- Combination of sequential and thematic-many different resources online, literature resources, etc. CD-rom available, test generator as well as lesson planner and pacing guides for teacher.
- Differentiated options available, variety of teaching strategies specified as well as worksheets for students
- Well organized on the steps to implement specific lessons
- A lot of background information for teacher available for each lesson
- On line version of textbook as well as many electronic resources available

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

- Test generator available online as well as alternative assessment handbook for struggling readers
- Chapter assessments are built on Bloom's taxonomy and reflect a building upon previously learned knowledge
- Each section has a reteaching element for students who don't get it the first time
- Assessments are varied and involve the use of graphic organizers, open response questions, in other words "authentic assessment"

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Provides support for ELL learners
- Does great job of linking learned knowledge to current situations in today's society
- Differentiation options/strategies available for each lesson for students below, at and above grade level
- Has limited geography, economics and civics lessons

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

L.W." readability of text seems to be above 6th grade level, needs to include medieval Europe to be sure to address all history standards,. Great graphics and covers basic content of ancient civilizations."
J.D. "this text has a lot of excellent graphics and instructional support for the teachers. Limitations include opportunities for students to develop skills in economics and geography. Also, mediveval Europe is one of the favorite topics for students and this is not in the text."
F.M. "visuals are great. Student interest level could be high. Teacher support materials seem very useful and beneficial. Consistent type of questions allows students to master all 3 levels of questioning. Pacing and covering all materials over 10 months may be a challenge."