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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: Civics in Practice: Principles of Government and Economics
Publisher: Holt McDougal
Grade Level: 9-12
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780547318370
ISBN No. Student Edition: Click here to enter text.

TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

Thematic organization with age level appropriate application and analysis assessment. Consistent activity differentiation for learners of multiple levels and skill abilities. Many activities focus on writing and speaking. Text includes chapter and section objectives, essential questions and vocabulary and all are designed to meet National Content Standards in the Teacher Edition and presumably in the Student Edition

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

Assessment activities include access to graphs, maps, timelines and a variety of other visuals that reinforce new and prior knowledge. Online support is available for both students and parents and extensive support is available to teachers. Text integrates standards-based content and comprehensive skill development through a variety of activities, questions, reviews and current events.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

The Teacher Edition is a good resource for experienced and new teachers and offers a variety of materials, activities and assessment questions for substitutes and collaborative work. “Students Take Action” is an excellent opportunity to reinforce civic values in students and gives opportunity for local community examination.

- Accessibility of material
- The textbook is clear and organized and does not feel “cluttered”
- Incorporates a variety of graphic organizers
- The type of book that is easily adjusted to different classroom time constraints
- Repetition and Routine is evident throughout the text
- Appropriate size for content offered.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

“I like the fact that it is very graphic and uses a lot of color…a lot of eye appeal.” SK 9-12

“I like that it is interdisciplinary and you can do math, art, health, etc.” AS 9-12

“This is a comfortable textbook that will work well in a Humanities based course as well. I liked the access to a variety of focal points.” EK 11