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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: *The Americans (Reconstruction to Present)*
Publisher: Holt McDougal.
Grade Level: 9-12
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 978054739056
ISBN No. Student Edition: Click here to enter text.

TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

This textbook is sequentially/ chronologically organized. Students and teachers will find this textbook easy to navigate. Teachers will find useful resources in the teacher's edition for implementing cooperative learning activities, electronic library of primary sources, and web-based enhancements. Teachers still need to supplement to critically engage students in specific New Mexico and geography standards in the New Mexico content standards.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

The opportunities to implement differentiated instruction provided by this text will work for teachers and students. Students can use section bold-type, focus on main ideas and terms, found at the start of each section, to guide their own learning and assessment. The "why it matters" section is a good hook into starting the section with the class.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Teachers can use "point-counterpoint" segments to spark class debate and critical thinking. The objectives at the start of each lesson offer succinct, directed instruction for teachers and students.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

Teachers used to this book, from previous years, will find much continuity, with respect to both quality and content. The class zone.com references suggest a place of promising resources for teachers interested in online resources. HD- Secondary Social Studies, Teacher.