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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: U S Government Principles in Practice.
Publisher: Holt McDougal
Grade Level: 9-12.
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780554004006
ISBN No. Student Edition:

TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

This text is well written in terms of sequential and thematic order. Companion website supports additional instructional needs throughout the course. The standards are addressed throughout text but not listed. Strong use of primary and secondary source documents is evident throughout. Excellent suggestions for teaching, reteaching and enrichment are found throughout the text. There is a great deal of additional background information given in an easily used format throughout the TWE. There are some suggestions for homework assignments. There are very few suggestions for parental support and guidance. There are a vast number of ancillary materials available for this text.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

Student assessment materials are available at many skill levels. Each chapter has an internet link for review, remediation and enrichment activities. Assessment has a valuable mix of performance and response activities. Assessments are keyed to Blooms taxonomy and provide a series of appropriate questioning geared toward content mastery. The alternative assessment handbook provides rubrics and additional opportunities for varied assessments. Each section in the TWE has differentiated instruction examples and activities for struggling readers, ELL, Special Ed. and gifted students. There is an excellent English/Spanish glossary for pertinent vocabulary.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Each chapter begins with a clear concise planning guide with linkage to additional text support. This book is sensitive to cultural, ethnic and economic issues. This book is successful in tying the concepts to current events.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

This book would be easy to use when teaching US Government. (MEG 12)
I believe students could relate to this text and its contents while taking US Government. (MR-D 12)
There are ample strategies and materials for the most novice and experienced teachers. (GA 12)