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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 Geography and Cultures*
Publisher: Glencoe
Grade Level: 9-12
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780078952630
ISBN No. Student Edition: 9780078799952

TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

This textbook is color coded by area, breaking the world into "chunks" that make logical sense to the teacher and the student. Beyond just the physical features of the region, the text examines interactions between cultures, advances in technology, religion, art, history, language, etc. Chapter and Section reviews reinforce learning, and there are extensive maps, charts, graphics and organizers available for student use.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

Every single page of text incorporates thinking questions, assessment activities, guided discussions, reviews and challenges. It accurately and appropriately meets NM Standards and National Standards. There are online resources available to students.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Step by step instructions are available for new teachers. There is an online learning center for students, teacher s and parents that is a valuable supplemental resource.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

"I was impressed with the variety of issues and approaches this book takes. It seemed more of a Humanities approach to our world culture than just a dry geography text." EK 9-12

"The resources are just unending, especially when you begin to examine the online resources also available." SK 9-12

"I really like that this text takes students back to map reading skills and they have a lot of opportunities to practice other skills presented." AS 9-12