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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 (red)
Publisher: McDougal Litell
Grade Level: 9-12
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780618943777
ISBN No. Student Edition: Click here to enter text.

TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

This text was laid out sequentially. It was very organized, easy to navigate and had a good planner at the unit, chapter, and section levels. It provided a good background for important topics and contained good technology applications. Opportunities for differentiated instruction were built into each chapter which also featured the major themes to be encountered. A variety of strategies for teaching were provided as well with regular opportunities for online access.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

Online practice quizzes and tests were built into the text along with standardized test practice, featuring higher level questions, rubrics, and excellent support techniques for a variety of developmental levels. Alternative assessments were also provided for each chapter.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Note taking was very supported in this volume along with connection activities. The text also featured a variety of perspectives, good representation of diversity. The text is also equipped with a great guide for inexperienced/new teachers.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

"Overall, this text was thorough in its coverage, with a variety of level opportunities for all students. Geography connections are apparent and good graphic organizers for review and summary are also provided." IP – 10th grade