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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: New Mexico Social Studies *Click here to enter text.*
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Click here to enter text.
Grade Level: First Choose an item.
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780547390628 Click here to enter text.
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TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

This book is structured using a thematic approach. It meets the needs of learners from beginning steps to advanced. This text uses clear instructions, big ideas, vocabulary building and authentic assessment to make topics relevant to students. Each lesson follows the same format which makes this book teacher friendly, especially for substitute teachers. It does an excellent job aligning to New Mexico State Standards.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

The lay-out of this book is student friendly. Text is supported by photographs, drawings, graphs, and graphic organizers. A section entitled "Reach All Learners" gives additional support for ELL, beginning steps learners and gifted students. A performance rubric is given in each chapter to assess open-ended activities. This enables the student to assess his own individual learning. Response activities are varied throughout the text and operate at various cognitive levels.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

This book would be a great support for a new teacher. It is bright, colorful, and engaging text for early learners. It could be shared between two students.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER COMMENTS

If I were teaching 1st grade, this would be a book I would choose. It has engaging visuals for students and teachers. -C.L. 6th Grade Teacher

I think it is a bright, colorful, engaging book for both students and teachers. K.O. Instructional Coach K-5

The literature that is included in the text to support concepts is of high interest and makes it easier to integrate Social Studies and Language Arts in the regular classroom setting. A.B. - Title 1 Reading Teacher K-5