For your final exam assignment, you will be reviewing middle school level textbook materials. In your analysis, you will compare and contrast content area texts, select one text from your content area to recommend for adoption, and provide a rationale explaining why you believe that text is the best choice for classroom instruction.

This paper is due Monday, June 7, 2005 NLT 4:30pm in the TEP Office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTS—
Available at the Learning Resources Display Center (LRDC), San Diego County Office of Education, 6401 Linda Vista Rd., San Diego

Locate the three middle school texts listed below (or another title you find at the LRDC) which apply to your content area, then complete the following:

- Complete a checklist evaluation for each textbook listed.
- Compare and contrast the texts you chose, discussing the strengths and weaknesses of each according to your checklist evaluation
- Select one text to recommend for adoption
- Explain your reasons for selecting that particular text over the others you reviewed

Suggested Textbook Series for Review:

**Science:**
- Scienceplus: Technology and Society (7-8), Holt, Rinehart and Winston
- Prentice Hall Science Learning System (6-8), Prentice Hall
- Middle School Science & Technology (6-8), Kendall/Hunt Publishing

**Math:**
- Interactive Mathematics (6-8), Glencoe
- Middle Grades Mathematics (6-8), Prentice Hall
- UCSMP Algebra (8), Addison Wesley

**English:**
- Elements of Literature (6-8), Holt, Rinehart, & Winston
- Spotlight on Literature (6-8), MacMillan/McGraw-Hill
- Language of Literature (6-8), McDougal Littell

The packet you submit for this final assignment should include:
- ONE evaluation checklists.
- Written reviews should total no more than 3-5 typed pages (single-spaced) of polished writing.

In order to ensure that your ideas are conveyed clearly and convincingly, you will want to allow yourself ample time to revise and edit your work. You may also want to ask others to review your writing and suggest revisions prior to completing your final draft. Please do not enclose the assignment in a folder or binder.