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- Jonathan Perry, University of South Florida

The questions at the beginning and questions revisited at the ends of the chapters are a great innovation--and they're helpful to the teacher. Great idea.

-Preston Jones, John Brown University

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