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While I am not against the actual standards their implementation, the state provided materials (i.e. modules) assessments and strong push to assessing teacher performance require a major overhaul. As a teacher I find myself leaving out room for student driven exploratory learning to find time to implement teaching test taking strategies, answering text based questions and the likes. I miss the days where school was about excelling at your unique gifts, exploring new topics and learning at your own pace. Instead I watch students fall behind as we have to push through the curriculum. Again, I appreciate a common set of standards and I believe in holding students to high expectations. However I fear we are on the path to producing a generation of robots who cannot problem solve, think for themselves or step outside of the box.