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I support the idea of common core standards. I believe assessment is very important. I think that the common core curriculum and assessments have been poorly implemented in New York State. I think there are very simple things that could be done to dramatically improve this situation:

1. Some of the standards are not very clear. I think that they should be more clearly defined and that there should be someone that a teacher could contact to get clarification and examples for any standard in question.
2. Shorten the assessments. I don't think that the assessments need to be this long in order to get accurate results.
3. Teachers, parents and students need to get feedback on the actual assessments! To me this is the MOST important change that needs to happen. The tests should be able to be used for diagnostic purposes. Tests should be corrected and released in a timely manner. Teachers and students should get to go over the EXACT test with the students.