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In my opinion, the Common Core Learning Standards are a valuable set of standards that were rolled out too quickly. It was very challenging for districts and schools to understand and study the standards, and then align the curriculum to these standards in the time frame by which the state imposed. Teachers and administrators need time to understand and study standards, create and develop curriculum, and revise and adapt instructional practices to effectively implement any set of standards. In my opinion, what was missing was listening to the experts (the teachers and administrators) in how to effectively adopt a new set of standards so that the successful implementation of the standards was a guarantee.