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The common core standards have numerous facets that are terribly wrong for our education in America. Our youngest students are expected to comprehend abstract math problems and think and reason in the abstract when in fact, they do not have this ability. Children brains think in concrete, not in abstract reasoning. I also feel that the middle school math is not sufficient in preparing our students for higher education. There is no mastery needed for your basic functions, or enough time spent on fractions, percent's, and decimals. These are all the building blocks needed to obtain the higher level education in STEM. The fact that David Coleman has stated the standards only teach for students going on to a two yr. college is disturbing to me. Why is there nothing for students that want to attend a four year college? What are we creating here? WHY? Do you know what will happen when our student continue onto higher math after years of Common Core Math? I will tell you...They won't understand it because there was no mastery in the basic foundations of math. I have seen this with my son who took CC math Algebra I and CC Geometry. He was a solid math student, and now struggles to complete assignments. I have spoken with math teachers who know that the students in Calculus will need extra help because they took CC Math for too long!

Also, Common Core is COMMON. If a student is advanced, there is nothing to excel that student. They are taught just the same as everyone else in the classroom. Who wrote the standards? There were no educators writing these standards! They were rushed through, accepted before they were even finished!! Why? And the diploma program is now such a mess, I have fears for my 3 advanced students. GET RID OF COMMON CORE! Teachers don't know how to teach the math, the ELA is atrocious. In ELA there is too much non- fiction reading, and too much excerpts. Students should be reading the classics, and reading complete novels! Get rid of this and bring back NY to its greatness! Common Core has been shoved down our throats now for three years, and we have all seen that it isn't working. Teachers are quitting, students are crying, parents are speaking out. Our schools and teachers are compelled to teach only these subjects. Science and Social Studies have taken a back seat. There is "no time" for these subjects. NO Time for HISTORY!!! Why do we not want our children to learn history? Why do we not want our children to learn science? It is because the Common Core Math and ELA leave no room for these other subjects. My district has taken away recess because there is no time for recess. No time for children to take a break! Get Rid of Common Core!