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I volunteer at an Elementary School and observed a teacher reviewing for Math. Waiting for the students that I will be serving I decided to take the test with them. The "old" way of doing Math (which I learned in the 50's) was easy to do. I had 3 students sitting next to me having a difficult time getting the Common Core answers. When I saw what they had to do, it is a waste of time, so much more can be accomplished doing it the old way. My grandson to get the answer I got had to do tenths, etc. A couple of years ago I decided to go back to work and took tests at a temp agency. You could not use a calculator and I got a 97 doing fractions, addition, subtraction, multiplication, etc. the "old" way. Imagine if I had to do Common Core, it was a timed test! The teachers are being held hostage give them back their classrooms. Please do what other States are looking into and get rid of this mess.