

The Michigan Curriculum Committee on Better Human Relations has prepared the following Criteria for the Evaluation of Human Relations Content in Textbooks as a guide for educators throughout the state who wish to choose, from the many textbooks available, those which transmit to children the democratic value system of respect for diversity.

The committee recognizes that not all criteria are equally applicable to all subject fields. Individual book selection committees may wish to discuss the guide and decide which questions can reasonably be asked about the books under consideration. Questions more directly related to the human relations content of a specific subject matter area may be added in the blank spaces provided.

It is recommended that human relations content, both in text and illustrative materials, be an important part of the total criteria used in making a judgment. This guide attempts to focus on a few questions which can be used to examine human relations content.