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titles succeed in providing balanced viewpoints, successfully incorporating historical information with current concerns. Teaching Intelligent Design and Genetically Modified Foods both do a particularly good job placing the controversy in a social, economic, and political context. Visually, the titles are less successful. The marbled-paper borders on each page are old-fashioned, and the white space at the end of some chapters seems to call out for graphics, or at least a tighter layout. Useful for reports.â Ragan O'Malley, Saint Ann's School, Brooklyn, NY Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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