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Newly-Released Holt Online Assessment for Literature Helps Teachers Track Student Progress

AUSTIN, Texas – June 22, 2004 – Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through 12—today announced the release of Holt Online Assessment for Literature, a new resource that enables teachers to diagnose students’ understanding of literature, assign intervention, and track improvement with benchmark practice tests.

Holt Online Assessment (HOA) is aligned with the national standards for literature and many state standards. HOA accompanies the widely-used *Holt Elements of Literature* ©2005 and offers diagnostic tests to determine the extent of a student’s prior knowledge of literary, reading, and vocabulary skills taught in each unit of the textbook. The diagnostic component then helps teachers tailor instruction to each student.

HOA offers easy-to-use options for generating six different reports for *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) subgroups, making it a valuable tool for tracking and reporting adequate yearly progress. The assessment features also include tools to make accommodations for special needs students and generate custom tests or import versions from other sources.

“Holt Online Assessment is one of many new products Holt has created for teachers who are having to make data-driven decisions to ensure that each student reaches his or her potential,” said Judy Fowler, president of Holt. “It’s all about differentiating instruction for each student. Holt Online Assessment helps teachers diagnose and meet individual learning needs.”

In November 2003, Holt released *Holt Elements of Literature* ©2005—a landmark middle and high school literature program which was the first literature program for secondary schools developed by any major textbook publisher since the *No Child Left Behind Act* was signed into law.

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