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That is why these books often become more useful in practicum than they were in the first week of class. Teacher candidates start returning to frameworks for instruction, assessment, balance, and classroom application once they have to make actual decisions. A kept copy is often more helpful in that phase than a vanished temporary-access account.

Who should buy print and who should not

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