Grading Essays Using Different Systems

Capability	Turnitin.com	Canvas	Vericite
Originality check	X		X
General comment box (below or beside the essay)	X	X	X
Rubrics	X	X	
In-line comments (type in between lines of student text in a different color)	X	Text box	
Highlight/bubble comments (different colors and strikethrough available?)	X	X	X
Designate parts of student text with arrow and rectangle		X	
Save your own library of personalized comments	X		X
Voice comments	X		
Video comments		X	
Grammatical and composition-related comment icons w/explanations	X		
Automated grammar check w/link to handbook	X		
Designate which rubric criterion a bubble/highlight comment corresponds to	X		

Other thoughts, after Sept.-Oct. 2016 Canvas Training and Oct. 21,2016 DE Coordinators state-wide web meeting:

- We still will have to pay for Vericite. It's not free but rather 15-25% discounted through OEI (Online Education Initiative).
- Canvas-Vericite "native integration" not available yet; maybe in Nov. 2016 (without this, students don't see the plagiarism match icon next to their grade in Canvas)
- If you use Vericite/Canvas integration, students have to click on one icon (the Vericite one) to see teacher comments and plagiarism but another to see the rubric (Canvas). With Turnitin.com, you can click on all those things within Turnitin.com Feedback Studio.
- Students already know how to use Turnitin.com from high school
- Turnitin.com will have a much bigger repository of student papers since they are older and widely used across the country
- Turnitin.com has more agreements with proprietary database publishers
- Benefit of system-wide essay feedback platform = consistency versus one instructor uses My Writing Lab and another uses another publisher's tool (plus, using publisher tool passes on cost to students)