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## **EdOptions™ Salutes African American History Month with Release of New Course**

**Arlington, VA, February 1, 2010** – EdOptions(<http://www.edoptions.com/>), an award-winning educational technology company, is very pleased to announce the release of its newest course offering to coincide with African American History Month. *African American Studies (2010)* is a semester-long course that traces the experiences of Africans in the Americas from 1500 to the present day.

In this course, students will explore history, politics, and culture with 16 lessons and five optional labs. In addition to reading the lessons, students will learn about African Americans through games, interactive maps, film clips, and audio files. The interactive materials will enrich the learning experience and reinforce the content found in the readings. Though the course proceeds in chronological order, the lessons are also grouped by themes and trends in African American history.

Among the many motivating course features, every lesson will contain at least one "Think About It" section that will address historical issues in ways that make them interesting and relevant. These sections are designed to be thought provoking, fun, and based on the students' personal feelings and experiences. "We believe that by providing an in-depth study of the experiences and contributions of African Americans over the course of U.S. history, *African American Studies (2010)* will greatly enrich the education of students enrolled in the course and increase their appreciation for cultural diversity," says Janice Wilder, Vice President of Academics and Curriculum Development.

### About Educational Options, Inc.

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