

# *CULTURESEEK: Connecting to African and African American History by LaTonya Branham*

## *“Teachers Guide”*

*CULTURESEEK: Connecting to African and African American History* is an interactive book that provides interesting historical facts about African and African American culture. It is engaging, powerful, and educational. Word-find puzzles are matched with each Black history topic - which makes *CULTURESEEK* very unique! It is a student-friendly, mind-stimulating experience.

Teachers can achieve success by developing a creative curriculum for their students. The topics within the book and creative learning methods can potentially:

- ★ Increase reading levels, and enhance writing and critical thinking skills
- ★ Increase academic performance in the language arts and social studies content areas
- ★ Further engage students and make class time “fun and exciting”
- ★ Improve vocabulary and test-taking skills
- ★ Increase the overall academic performance of the school

There are 32 topics that contain historical facts. Seventy-five (75) word puzzles are also incorporated within the book. Assignments can be created to help students in the following areas:

### **Language Arts:**

- Dictionary usage
- Research projects
- Parts of speech and key terms identification
- Presentation skills

### **Social Studies - African American History:**

- Civic engagement topic discussion and research
- Historical events
- Cross-cultural influence
- Contributions of people
- Identifying institutions and organizations

### **Other areas for student development:**

- Leadership discussion
- Team projects
- Career Exploration
- Trivia challenge
- Higher Education preparation
- Exploring various art forms (visual, performing, musical, writing)
- Conflict Resolution
- Geography
- Sports
- Reading Circles
- Testing Ability

Encourage students to use *CULTURESEEK: Connecting to African and African American History* as an interactive historical reference book. In addition to the educational value of the book, students will learn to appreciate the contributions of the history-makers!