



**CourseCast of the Week – July 20, 2009 – Episode 110**

**Key Topics:**

- Get Ready for e-Textbooks!
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. What are e-texts? What are the benefits? What are the drawbacks? Do you or someone you know have one? What are your experiences with e-books? (Get Ready for e-Textbooks!)
2. Facebook—what are some interesting facts found in the News Briefs about Facebook? (News Briefs)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Research netbooks. What are the advantages and disadvantages of netbooks? Are they as powerful as laptops? Explain your answer. (News Briefs)
2. Research Office 2010. What is Office 2010? What are the technical requirements for Office 2010. Will your computer be able to handle this new software? (News Briefs)

**Think Critically:**

1. What do you think about using e-texts in place of regular textbooks? What about ease of learning the material? (Get Ready for e-Textbooks!)
2. Have you or someone you know been taken in by Spam? What might you tell someone to think about before responding to an email he or she thinks is legitimate? (News Briefs)