

English 102: Inquiry into Race in America
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What is race? What is ethnicity? Should race matter in America of 2006? How can we understand the role of race as we move forward as a society? These are among the questions that we will ask in "Inquiry into Race in America." Through autobiographical, fictional, sociological and historical documents, we will work to understand why race is such a big deal in America. Students will present on a historical topic and will choose the topic for a research paper which will focus broadly on race, but will hopefully intersect with the students' own interests. Through reading and discussion, we will examine the ways we understand white, Black, Latino/a, Native American, Asian American and multiracial individuals in America. Students need no prior background in race studies... just interest in the topic and open minds.