

RACE LITERACY QUIZ
What differences make a difference?

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1. Humans have approximately 30,000 genes. On average, how many genes separate all members of one race from all members of another race?

- A. None
- B. 1
- C. 23
- D. 142
- E. 1008
- F. We don't know

2. Members of a race can be identified by their:

- A. Blood group
- B. Skin color
- C. Ancestry
- D. Genes
- E. None of the above
- F. All of the above

3. The rise of the idea of white supremacy was tied most directly to:

- A. Indian removal
- B. Slavery
- C. The Declaration of Independence
- D. The U.S. Constitution
- E. Ancient Greece

4. Which two populations are most likely, on average, to be genetically similar?

- A. Italians and Ethiopians
- B. Senegalese and Kenyans
- C. Italians and Swedes
- D. Chinese and Lakota (Sioux)
- E. Saudi Arabians and Ethiopians

5. Who was the first American public figure to suggest, albeit "as a suspicion only," that black people might be inherently inferior to whites?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. Sir Walter Raleigh
- C. George Washington
- D. Robert E. Lee
- E. Capt. John Smith, founder of the Jamestown colony

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6. Which of the following was NOT an important reason why African slavery first took root in North America:

- A. As non-Christians, they had no legal protections
- B. They were skilled semi-tropical farmers
- C. The supply of indentured servants from Europe was becoming unreliable
- D. They were deemed innately inferior
- E. They couldn't easily run away

7. Of the \$120 billion in home loans underwritten by the federal government between 1933 and 1962, what percentage went to white homeowners?

- A. 45 percent
- B. 64 percent
- C. 75 percent
- D. 88 percent
- E. 98 percent

8. Today, the net worth of the average white family is how much compared to the average black family?

- A. Three times as much
- B. Eight times as much
- C. Half as much
- D. Twice as much
- E. The same

9. Which is NOT an example of a government racial preference program?

- A. 1964 Civil Rights Act
- B. 1862 Homestead Act
- C. 1790 Naturalization Act
- D. 1934 Federal Housing Administration
- E. 1935 Social Security Act