

🖉 **Assignment Overview**

For this essay of 5-7 pages in length, you will need to synthesize a variety of sources to substantiate an original thesis**.** When you synthesize sources, you refer to them to develop your position and cite them accurately. Since this is the case, **y*our argument should be central; the sources should support your argument****. Avoid merely summarizing the sources*.

🖉 **Prompt**

Construct an original thesis that hinges upon the following question: What do the sources suggest about the rhetoric of race in America? Drawing from historical and contemporary artifacts, analyze and assess depictions of race and how these sources (artifacts) interface with your original thesis.

🖉 **Artifacts** (You must use at least 10 Sources)

🞏 Two episodes of *The Cosby Show* 🞏 One episode of *My Wife & Kids*

🞏 One episode of *Fresh Prince* 🞏 The Blackface Stereotype (Diawara)

🞏 White racism & Cosby Show 🞏 Cosby: View from the Black Middle Class

🞏 Black Family Imagery (Merritt & Stroman) 🞏 Didot’s Invention

🞏 Wiki: History of Blackface 🞏 excerpt … Ghetto Nation (Daniels)

🞏 Soaps & Sitcoms as Socialization 🞏 Acting White (Harper)

🞏 excerpt … Savage Inequalities 🞏 Brown Vs. Board of Education

🞏 State of the Black Union 🞏 Anderson Cooper “Black in America”

* http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_Gh3\_e3mDQ8
* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuijbxXY1K0>

🞏 Gladwell’s *Outliers*