

Reflective Essay: Thinking About Your Experiences with Race

Pre-assignment:

Read several of the articles from the link below. Then listen to several of the interviews provided in the second link.

NY Times Articles (How Race is Lived in America):

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/race/textindex.html>

NY Times Interviews (How Race is Lived in America):

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/race/audio/nytimes.html>

Assignment:

Our life experiences play a significant role in shaping our perspectives and our understanding of race in society today. Reflect back on your experiences, observations, and social interactions connected to race. (Take note of the discussions in the interviews provided in the links from above, as they may help guide your discussion.) Finally, write a reflective essay (3-4 pages) describing your experiences with race. Keep in mind that your experiences can pertain to your personal experiences as a receiver and/or your personal experiences as an observer/participant.

Core Concepts: race, prejudice, discrimination, majority-minority patterns of interaction