

Civil War Literature -Huck Finn

Racism Paper

Your task is to develop an understanding of racism in today's society. You need to interview at least four individuals who represent different groups in our society (parents, students, blacks, whites, grandparents, teachers, religious leaders) and ask them about their ideas on the following questions. Then after you have their responses, compile an essay summarizing their opinion. In the final paragraph of your paper, you may add your personal commentary.

Questions for consideration:

- What is racism? Is it a belief or an action?
- What causes racism? What beliefs do people invoke to try to justify racism?
- In what kinds of situations do we see or find racism?
- When did you first recognize your own racial, ethnic, religious (or other) identity?
- What does it mean to you to identify yourself in this way? What do you like the most and the least about being a member of your group?
- How has racism affected you or people you know?
- Do you think that most minorities have a positive or negative image of mainstream (white) society? Do you think that the mainstream (white) society has a positive or negative image of minorities?
- What is the biggest misconception that minorities have about mainstream (white) society? What is the biggest misconception that mainstream (white) society has about minorities?