

## Race in America

The following websites are all useful supplements to this episode's discussion of race in America.

[www.understandingrace.org](http://www.understandingrace.org) – an ongoing discussion of race sponsored by the American Anthropological Association. Their statement on “race,” issued in 1998, is here:

<http://www.aaanet.org/stmts/racepp.htm>

Excellent companion pieces to the AAA websites are two PBS sites, one on “Race: The Power of an Illusion” (California Newsreel –[www.newsreel.org](http://www.newsreel.org)—production) and one from Henry Louis Gates’s series on African American Lives.

<http://www.pbs.org/race/>

[http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aalives/teachers/rationalizing\\_race.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aalives/teachers/rationalizing_race.html)

Another great source is Frederick Douglass’s Autobiography:

**A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas** (available on Amazon.com or at <http://www.history.rochester.edu/class/douglass/DUGLAS11.txt>)

Regarding racial categorization and its history, here are two websites that might prove useful:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racial\\_Integrity\\_Act\\_of\\_1924](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racial_Integrity_Act_of_1924)

<http://www.tngenweb.org/tncolor/colornam.htm> - While this article is far from scholarly, it does list the categories that were popularly used in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century to distinguish racial categories in the United States.

Finally, I highly recommend a novel, David Bradley’s *The Chaneysville Incident* (1981). This is a wonderful account of American History through the eyes of African Americans – and particularly *free* African Americans. Available in paperback from Amazon.com