

Race: The Power of an Illusion Episode 1 - The Difference Between Us

During Viewing... listen for these important concepts. These comprehension questions will help you focus on the major understandings presented in this episode:

1. What is the difference between a biological and social view of race?
2. Excluding your immediate family members, are you more likely to be genetically like someone who looks like you or someone who does not?
3. Why is it impossible to use biological characteristics to sort people into consistent races? Review some of the concepts as "non-concordance" and "within-group vs. between group variation."
4. Who has benefited from the belief that we can sort people according to race and that there are natural or biologically based differences between racial groups.
5. Besides race, what other things explain why some people might be more susceptible than others to disease? Think about the girl in the film with sickle cell anemia. How is ancestry different than race?