

Religion and Race/Ethnicity

Objective:

- 1) Introduce the connection between religion and race/ethnicity
- 2) Explore this relationship at both the individual and organizational levels
- 3) Familiarize students with online research tools

Activity:

Examine the relationship between religiosity and trust toward various racial and ethnic groups ([immigrants](#), [whites](#), [African Americans](#), [Hispanic](#), [Jews](#))

Using the [Religion Dictionary](#) on The ARDA, introduce students to how social scientists are measuring diversity within religious groups using the [Mono/Multi-Racial Groups](#) concept and the [Racial/Ethnic Composition](#) measure

As a class, compare the [racial and ethnic make-up](#) of the members of various denominations.

In groups, pick 2-3 events to read about on the [Race/Ethnicity and Religion](#) Interactive Timeline and identify how religion impacted or was impacted by race/ethnicity

Assessment:

Direct students to take the [Differing Attitudes About Race Reflect Two Americas](#) quiz under the [Religion Quizzes](#) section of [The Learning Center](#) on The ARDA

Instruct students to write a response piece to one of the [Ahead of the Trend](#) articles on religion and race (archives for [race](#), [immigration](#))

Suggested reading:

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