

## A Living History: Past to Present Connections

### Past

Science of the time categorized people into four basic races, symbolized by four colors: red, black, yellow, and white

### Present

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The minstrel stage showed African Americans to be dirty, lazy, clownish, sexual, flashy, comic, and stupid

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Nativist political parties blame dire economic circumstances on recent immigrant populations. Examples are the Know Nothing or American Party of the 1850s and the Immigration Restriction League of the 1890s.

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Sundown Towns chased people of color out of certain towns. Redlining and inequitable mortgage availability made it impossible for many people of color to live in certain neighborhoods. Local ordinances forbade people of color from living in certain areas.

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Not all European immigrant groups were immediately considered white. Irish were not considered white until the mid 1800's and Russians, Jews, and Italians were not considered white until well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Present

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White people shown to be individualistic (highly valued) in the colonies, while others groups denigrated as "communal"

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Naturalization laws in effect until the 1950's required that a person be considered "white" in order to become a naturalized citizen

### Present