

**Anthropology 12: Essay 2**  
**Due March 9, 2011**

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This week we are talking about sources for human variation. Modern human variation is the result of the four forces of evolution acting on interconnected populations. Often this variation is divided into race.

Go to the AAA site Understanding Race on the internet  
<http://www.understandingrace.org>

And specifically the section on human variation.  
<http://www.understandingrace.org/humvar/>

After going through all the different presentations there, complete the Human Variation Quiz, recording your answers for me (you just have to give me a list of your answers) If you got any wrong, provide an explanation of why you thought what you did,.

Besides this site, you might also look at Jonathan Marks' essay, **10 Facts about Human Variation**  
<http://personal.uncc.edu/jmarks/pubs/tenfacts.pdf>

Then write three pages or so about what YOU learned from these sites about human variation, what you didn't know, or what surprised you. Have any of your ideas of race changed since looking at this site and reading this article? What does the word race mean? Is race a biological concept or a cultural construct? Why does it matter?

Standard Essay Assignment rules apply: 3+ pages, typed, double spaced, spell checked, etc. 10 points on content, 5 points on writing.