

## **THE POLITICAL CULTURE OF RACE AND RACISM**

First Written Assignment: Letter to the Editor/Thoughtful Blog (300 words)

Due date: Thursday, October 6

Objective: To provide a thoughtful and reasoned response to a recent media article dealing with issues of race and racism in Canada. Provide references where you have drawn on information or argument taken from another source.

Here is a list of articles to which you might respond. If you would like to use a different article, please discuss it with your tutorial leader.

1. Denise Balkissoon, "Embarrassed? Uncomfortable? Defensive? Get over it, start talking about race," *Globe and Mail*, September 6, 2016
2. Eric Lichtblau, "Hate Crimes Against American Muslims Most Since Post-9/11 Era," *New York Times*, September 18, 2016
3. Desmond Cole, "Don't mistake responses to violence for violence itself," *Toronto Star*, April 7, 2016
4. Martin Lukacs, "Justin Trudeau's lofty rhetoric on First Nations a cheap simulation of justice," *Guardian*, September 19, 2016
5. Denise Balkissoon, "Migrant farm workers deserve better," *Globe and Mail*, September 19, 2016
6. Nikole Hannah-Jones, "How school segregation divides Ferguson – and the United States," *New York Times*, December 21, 2014
7. "Blacks Heavily carded by Peel police," *Toronto Star*, September 24, 2015
8. Jeffrey Simpson, "Nothing more than a dream palace of memory," *Globe and Mail*, January 5, 2013
9. "Just 8% of Toronto kids are black but 41% of kids in care are black," *Toronto Star*, December 11, 2014
10. Todd Gordon, "Canadian development aid takes on corporate colouring," *Toronto Star*, November 29, 2012.
11. Jason Stanley and Vesla Weaver, "Is the United States a 'Racial Democracy'?" *New York Times*, January 12, 2014