Name: _____ Date: _____

Race - Power of an Illusion

Do Now:

1. How would you define race? What does it mean to you?

2. Where do your ideas about race come from? What are the sources of your information?

Movie Questions

1. At the beginning of the film, the students are asked to predict whom they will be most like when they compare their DNA samples. How did the results compare with your expectations? Did you share the students' surprise? If so, why?

2. Towards the end of this episode, the students are asked if they would trade their skin color. Would you trade your skin color? How do you think your life would be different if you looked like someone of a different race?

3. Turn-of-the-century scientists like Frederick Hoffman drew scientific conclusions based on what they believed to be true. How are scientists today influenced by their beliefs or their social context?

4. Athletics is one arena where talking about ideas of inborn racial differences remains common. Why do you think some populations or groups seem to dominate certain sports but not others? What does it mean that the groups that dominate those sports have changed over time?

5. Did some of your views about race change after seeing the movie? If so, how? If not, why?