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A race is a grouping of humans based on shared physical or social qualities into categories generally viewed as distinct by society. First used to refer to speakers of a common language and then to denote national affiliations, by the 17th century the term race began to refer to physical (phenotypical) traits. Race and ethnicity in the United States is a complex topic both because the United States of America has a racially and ethnically diverse population and because the country had a heavily racist culture involving slavery and anti-miscegenation laws. Identification. The Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral arrived at present day Pôrto Seguro (Safe Harbor) in the state of Bahia on the Brazilian coast in April 1500 and named the new territory Ilha de Vera Cruz, Island of the True Cross, thinking he was on an island. When discussing the differences between racial or cultural subcultures, it is important to remain culturally sensitive. The word "Chicano," for example, was considered derogatory when it first appeared, but later generations of Mexican-Americans have since deemed it acceptable. - Black Into White Race And Nationality In Brazilian Thought By