

# Race

**But race is the child of racism,  
not the father. ...**

**Difference in hue and hair is old.**

**But the belief in the preeminence  
of hue and hair, the notion that these  
factors can correctly organize a society  
and that they signify deeper attributes,  
which are indelible—this is the new  
idea at the heart of these new people  
who have been brought up hopelessly,  
tragically, deceitfully, to believe  
that they are white.**

**Ta-Nehisi Coates,  
Between the World and Me**