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**Topic 6 Participant observation**  
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**Activity: Webquest**  
**Black Like Me**

**Learning objectives**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify key features of covert participant observation.
  - Evaluate the limitations of using covert participant observation.
1. Do an internet search for John Howard Griffin and his book '*Black Like Me*'.
  2. In small groups, discuss the difficulties that Griffin might have faced in trying to take on and live out such a different identity in a racially segregated society.
  3. Write a summary of what Griffin's research shows us about the problems of using covert participant observation.