

Chapter 3
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.