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Justin Edwards considers the following questions. How are the categories of "race" and the rhetoric of racial difference tied to the language of gothicism? What can these discursive ties tell us about a range of social boundaries-gender, sexuality, class, race, etc.-during the nineteenth century? What can the construction and destabilization of these social boundaries tell us
