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Sommario/riassunto

This study aims to describe the ways in which white American authors constructed ""race"" in their work from the time of the first colonists up to the period of the Civil War. The book focuses on a number of texts that deal with the relations among Indians, blacks and whites.