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**Race and Science**  
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**Topics for PAPER # 1**

1. Compare and contrast the place of sex, gender, and reproduction in the ideas of two eugenic thinkers discussed by Kevles. Integrate a brief discussion of sex and gender in Darwin.
2. Discuss similarities and differences between Blumenbach, Boas, and Gould using Omi and Winant's notion of "racial formation."
3. Compare and contrast notions of racial hygiene in Brazilian and Nazi/German eugenics. Be sure to discuss the place of the "nation" in each case.
4. Use Bowker and Star's ideas about Aristotelian and prototypical classification to examine how scientific and legal ideas about race interact in debates about immigration and naturalization in the United States as discussed by Jacobson.