

Definitions starting with C

creole

/kriyowl/ [OED, from Fr. créole, from Sp. criollo, from Sp., Port. criar to raise, referring to those born and raised in the New World but of European and/or African descent] n. 1. Obs. [Car.] anyone born in the West Indies: 1788 Runaway.. .a creole of Jamaica (Bahama Gazette). 1822 African or Creole? (slave register, Wyannie Malone Museum).

2. a person of mixed or mostly white ancestry (use by native Bahamians questionable): The native white inhabitants of the Bahamas are now universally called "Conchs", the word "Creole" being unknown in this part of the West Indies (Powles 40). 1917 An educated Nassauvian creole (Defries i).

3. [cf. def. 2] an albino Negro. (Eleu., Exuma)

4. [from créole, the language of Haitians] a Haitian, Dominican, Cuban or others whose first language is not a variety of English.

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