

Exam excerpt

D. Short Essay. Answer the following prompt **by writing a short essay**. Provide details and support your claims with evidence and examples. Organizational structure is also a plus. (35 points)

1. Did race and racism exist in the ancient world? According to Golash-Boza (2023), Greek and Roman contacts with other peoples “did not lead to a racial worldview” and “ancient peoples did not divide the world into distinct races based on their physical and cultural traits.” But scholarly views on this question have changed over time. Taking into account the work of Snowden, Isaac, and McCoskey, identify and compare the different ways that the historical record has been interpreted by scholars when it comes to the existence of race and racism in the ancient world. Why have some thought that race and racism didn’t exist? Why do some believe that we can find traces of “protoracism” in the ancient world? At this point in the semester, which view seems most probable to you and why?