

Philosophy 3334 Summer 2021
Reading questions #19
Due Tue, Jun 29

- 1) In “Why there are no human races”, Kwame Anthony Appiah suggests a number of possible “criterial” beliefs about race. What is a criterial belief? What are some examples of possible criterial beliefs about race?
- 2) Imagine that you meet someone whose native language you do not understand. They speak English, but don’t understand the word “race” as applied to people (they only understand “race” as in “we just ran a race”). You are trying to explain to them what race means (you assume they must have a word for it in their language, but of course you don’t know what it is). How would you try to explain the concept of race?
- 3) After reading the articles, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the articles forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the articles.