

Philosophy 3334 Spring 2020

Reading questions #10

Due Thurs, April 9 (by 11:59pm) uploaded to Blackboard [though anytime later is perfectly fine]

1) Read Charles Mills "But what are you *really*?". Think about the problem cases 1-10 that he describes on pages 55-66. Create a chart which contains your judgment of the person's race in each of the 10 cases. Sample answers could be things like 'white', 'black', 'mixed race', 'no race', 'I am really not sure about this one', etc. For each answer, say in a sentence why you answered the way you did. For example, in case I, you might say "he is really white since his skin is so light" or you might say "he is really black since he self-identifies as black."

If you think that there are no such things as races, say what you think the majority answer of your classmates or other people in the US would be. It is fine to say to one or two cases "this person doesn't have a race because..." but don't say that for every answer.