

Race 1 Fredrickson, *Racism A Short History*

Please read the Introduction to George Fredrickson's *Racism: A Short History*. Consider the following questions as you read:

1. What are the three “overtly racist regimes” identified by Fredrickson? In what century did these regimes reach their climax? Does the lateness of this date surprise you? Why?
2. Why has the fall of the overtly racist regimes **not** meant that racism is a thing of the past? What sort of justifications for hostility and discrimination have replaced the scientific or biological racism of those regimes, according to Fredrickson?
3. When did the term ‘racism’ come into common usage? Why was it needed? Does it surprise you that the term is so recent?
4. When does an attitude or ideology become racist, according to Fredrickson?
5. What does racism directly sustain or propose to establish?
6. Why is the real possibility of assimilation or conversion incompatible with racism?
7. What does it mean to call racism a “scavenger ideology?”
8. How does Fredrickson conceptualize racism on page 9? What two components does it have?
9. How does the racism of inclusion (or le racism d’exploitation) differ from the racism of exclusion (or le racism d’extermination)?