SOC 350: Module 1 Focus Questions and Key Terms

Focus Questions
As you read the materials for this module, consider the following focus questions:

1) Is race a biological reality?
2) Is race a social reality?
3) What does racism look like in the U.S. in the twenty-first century?
4) What is whiteness?
5) What does it mean to “think like a sociologist”?

Vocabulary
Biological determinism  Symbolic violence
Phenotype  Intersectionality
Race  Whiteness
Racial taxonomy  White privilege
Ancestry  Color blindness
Naturalization  White antiracists
Ethnicity  Sociological imagination
Nationality  Relationality
Individualistic fallacy  Fields of life
Legalistic fallacy
Tokenism fallacy
Ahistorical fallacy
Fixed fallacy
Institutional racism