Essay:
Just as Socrates felt that it was necessary to create a tension in the mind so that individuals could rise from the bondage of myths and half-truths to the unfettered realm of creative analysis and objective appraisal, we must see the need of having nonviolent gadflies to create a kind of tension in society that will help men to rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood


In a course on Greek religion at Crozer Seminary in 1949, Dr. Martin Luther King read Plato’s *Crito* and *Apology*, works that introduced him to the figure of Plato’s teacher Socrates. In his famous ‘Letter from Birmingham Jail’ in 1963, King drew heavily on his reading of Plato to advocate for the importance of non-violent demonstration.

In a brief essay, explain what influence the ancient world has had on you and your education. How has your study of Classical language and/or culture affected your knowledge of and beliefs about the world around you?

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