

III. Essay:

natus homo est, sive hunc divino semine fecit  
 ille opifex rerum, mundi melioris origo,  
 80 sive recens tellus seductaque nuper ab alto  
 aethere cognati retinebat semina caeli.  
 quam satus Iapeto, mixtam pluviabilibus undis,  
 finxit in effigiem moderantum cuncta deorum,  
 pronaque cum spectent animalia cetera terram,  
 85 os homini sublime dedit caelumque videre  
 iussit et erectos ad sidera tollere vultus:  
 sic, modo quae fuerat rudis et sine imagine, tellus  
 induit ignotas hominum conversa figuras.

In a well thought out essay, explain how the passage above fulfills Ovid’s mission of telling the story of creation as a continuous tale of *mutatas . . . formas*, changed forms. You may refer to other portions of the Creation passage to support your statements.



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