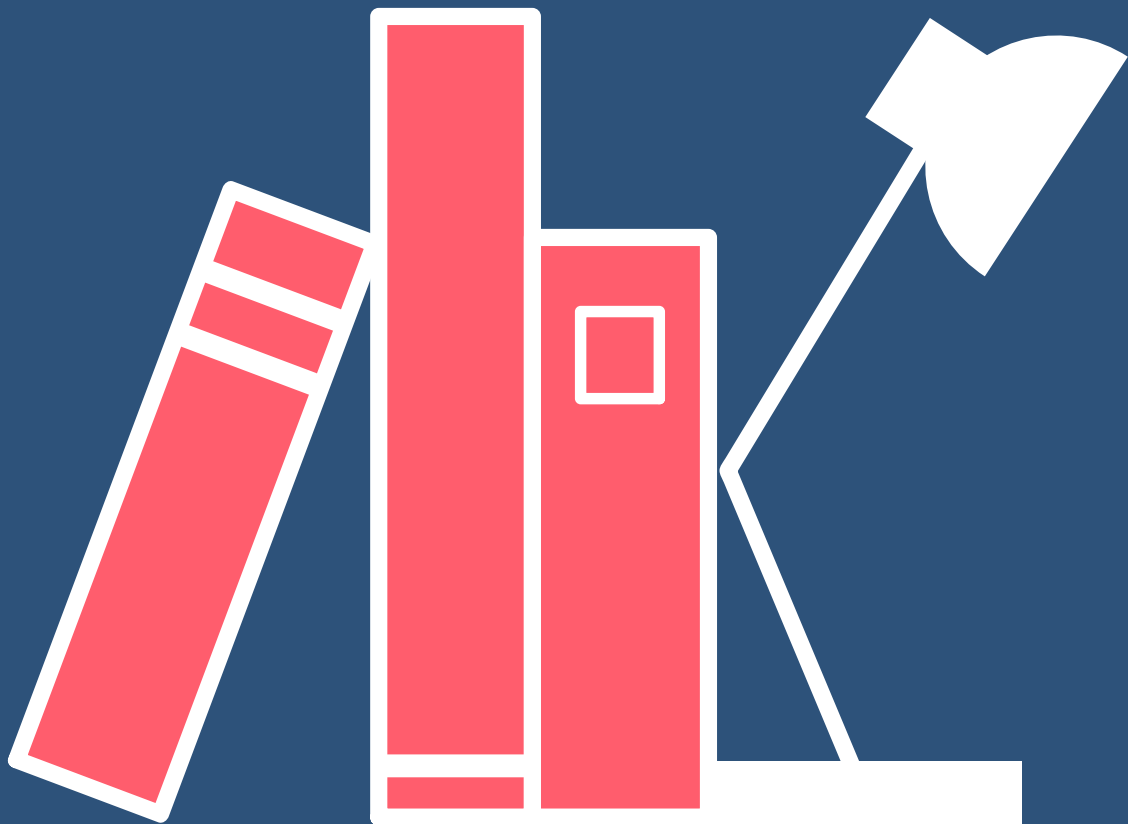




Resources for Teaching about Racism *and* Police Violence



Remember

racism inflicts trauma;
seek ways to attend to this trauma.

we are responsible to each other.

we all have a role in this.

white people need to listen first, and a lot.

to believe what
communities of color say.

anti-racism is our goal.
Not avoiding race. Not colorblindness.

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A Reading List

SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE

IJEOMA OLUO

EVERY DAY ANTIRACISM

MICA POLLACK

SHAME OF THE NATION

JONATHAN KOZOL

WE WANT TO DO MORE THAN SURVIVE

BETTINA LOVE

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST

IBRAM KENDI

THE EDUCATION OF BLACKS IN THE SOUTH

JAMES ANDERSON

THE RAINS

SULAYMAN CLARK

THE NEW JIM CROW

MICHELLE ALEXANDER

WHITE FRAGILITY

ROBIN DIANGELO

BEFORE AND BEYOND THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT: AS THE YOUTH SEE IT

BARBARA SPENCER DUNN

BLACK HISTORY 365: AN INCLUSIVE ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN HISTORY

WALTER MILTON JR. & JOEL FREEMAN

TA-NEHISI COATES:

BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME

WE WERE EIGHT YEARS IN POWER: AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

THE WATER DANCER



Resources

1

FACING HISTORY

A guide for teachers on discussing George Floyd and facilitating traumatic discussions

DONATE TO SUPPORT BLACK LIVES & PROTESTERS

Huffington Post's list of bail funds, Black lead organizations, etc. to support financially at this time. Good ideas for students who want to do something concrete.

TEACHING ABOUT RACE, RACISM, AND POLICE VIOLENCE

Teaching Tolerances' resources for teachers. TT is a leader in this work and has a wealth of reliable, meaningful materials.

WHAT DIGNITY DEMANDS

Blog post from Cultures of Dignity, with many anti-racist sources (books, movies).

ZINN EDUCATION PROJECT

A race-forward site on teaching social studies and history with an eye on equity. Check their Facebook page for timely links to useful materials (Tulsa Riots).

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SLAVERY AND JUSTICE AT BROWN

Research center which looks at the contemporary legacy of slavery.



Resources

2

LISTENING CIRCLE ON GEORGE FLOYD

Morningside Center's work; provides script for teachers. They have other great SEL materials.

HOW WHITE PARENTS CAN TALK TO THEIR KIDS ABOUT RACE

Age-appropriate guide for explaining race to youth. It is never too young.

TEACHING FOR BLACK LIVES

This is a link to a book you might be interested in. Rethinking Schools puts out fantastic materials.

THE BLACK LIVES MATTER SYLLABUS

Packed with resources for adults/professional development around BLM.

BLM: CONTINUING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Unit from the Choices Program at Brown; focuses on Black activism. Lessons and materials.

DC TEACHERS/BLACK LIVES MATTER WEEK

Curriculum from Black Lives Matters week of action, run by DC-Area Educators for Social Justice this winter.



Resources

3

"RECONSTRUCTION: AMERICAN AFTER THE CIVIL WAR" HENRY LOUIS GATES, PHD

Documentary that tells the story of America's unfinished work of Reconstruction and the continued inequities that this causes.

THE RAINS: VOICES FOR AMERICAN LIBERTY

Companion resources to the book, *The Rains*, documenting the abolitionist movement in Philadelphia told in an accessible format appropriate for middle, high school, and college students.

THE WHITNEY PLANTATION MUSEUM

Website of the first U.S. Plantation interpreted entirely through the experiences of the enslaved. It is rich with resource on American slavery.

THE WHITNEY PLANTATION: A PODCAST

Podcast of tour of the Whitney Plantation Museum.

THE DOS AND DONT'S OF TALKING TO KIDS OF COLOR ABOUT WHITE SUPREMACY

Suggestions for families of color on discussing white supremacy post-Charlottesville.

WHAT DIGNITY DEMANDS

Blog post from Cultures of Dignity with many antiracist sources (books, movies).



Resources

4

RAISING RACE CONSCIOUS CHILDREN

Blog to support talking to children about race.

RACISM AND VIOLENCE: HOW TO HELP KIDS HANDLE THE NEWS

Advice for parents on talking about racial violence.

A BLACK PSYCHOLOGIST'S GUIDE TO TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT RACE AND POLICE VIOLENCE

A video for families of color about discussing racial violence with their child.

WHY AMERICA NEEDS A SLAVERY MUSEUM

Potent video from *The Atlantic* documenting the history and significance of The Whitney Plantation Museum.

BLACK MALE INSTITUTE AT UCLA

Research center on educational experiences of Black males.

USE THIS LINK
TO ADD
MORE RESOURCES



Thoughts & Advice

FROM FAMILIES OF COLOR

We know that there are white people who are allies amid the protest.

Black people have a right to be angry.

We need more Black teachers.

There needs to be honest/transparent conversations about Black history. It is not enough to cover it only in the month of February.

Talk to Black families like they matter.

Educate Black children as if your life depends on it.

Use your school funds to provide counseling and support for your African American students.

Set up African American family/teacher organizations.

Bring in African American guest speakers to your classroom.

Listen to the African American teachers in your school. Listen a lot.

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