

Teaching and Mentoring for Racial Justice

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION LIST TO SUPPORT ACTION IN SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON OCTOBER 19, 2016, AFFIRMING THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER TO EDUCATORS, TO FAMILIES, AND IN SCHOOLS ALL ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Resources for talking about race in and around our school communities

This list was compiled on 10/11/16 by Liza Rankin, parent activist of Soup for Teachers* and Vice President of Seattle Council PTSA* – this list is by no means exhaustive. Please use as support to get started in bringing race into conversations in your home and classrooms as we work together for equitable, inclusive communities. (*for identification purposes only).

WE STAND TOGETHER – WHAT’S HAPPENING ON OCTOBER 19TH iamaneducator.com/2016/10/11/blacklivesmatteratschool-hundreds-of-educators-across-seattle-to-wear-black-lives-matter-shirts-to-school-on-oct-19th/

THE ZINN EDUCATION PROJECT AND RETHINKING SCHOOLS promotes and supports the teaching of people’s history in middle and high school classrooms across the country. People’s history materials and pedagogy emphasize the role of working people, women, people of color, and organized social movements in shaping history. Students learn that history is made not by a few heroic individuals, but instead by people’s choices and actions, thereby also learning that their own choices and actions matter. zinnedproject.org/

HIDDEN BIASES take a test and uncover your thoughts and feelings outside of conscious awareness and control. implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html

HOW TO TALK TO KIDS ABOUT RACE: Keep the lines of communication open, even if your child says something embarrassing, insensitive, or outright racist. Don’t simply condemn and shut down conversation. Ask questions to find out why they’re thinking what they’re thinking, and how those thoughts developed. readbrightly.com/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-race-books-and-resources-that-can-help/

"COLORBLINDNESS" keeps us from actually seeing each other. perception.org/blog/solutions-monday-individuation/

START EARLY: TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT BIAS, DIVERSITY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE edutopia.org/blog/teaching-young-children-social-justice-jimmie-spiegler

HOW SILENCE CAN BREED PREJUDICE: A child development professor explains how and why to talk to kids about race. washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2015/07/06/how-silence-can-breed-prejudice-a-child-development-professor-explains-how-and-why-to-talk-to-kids-about-race/

IT IS MY JOB TO RAISE A CHILD WHO IS NOT ONLY NOT RACIST, BUT ACTIVELY ANTI-RACIST. huffingtonpost.com/mandy-hitchcock/its-my-job-to-raise-child_b_7707896.html

TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN ABOUT RACE: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS. Young children need caring adults to help them construct a positive sense of self and a respectful understanding of others. teachingforchange.org/teaching-about-race

RESOURCE COMPILATION: TALKING ABOUT RACE, RACISM, AND RADICALIZED VIOLENCE WITH KIDS docs.google.com/document/d/1P7zJ5ZWEtIMDqwhpekoEF7I8r-X2cL7nZnKexB-Hymk/edit



TEACHING TOLERANCE RESOURCE LIST

TEACHING ABOUT RACE, RACISM, AND POLICE VIOLENCE

tolerance.org/racism-and-police-violence

SELF-TEACHING: CURRICULUM FOR WHITE AMERICANS TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES ON RACE AND RACISM citizenshipandsocialjustice.com/curriculum-for-white-americans-to-educate-themselves-on-race-and-racism/

WHAT TO SEND TO THAT PERSON WHO SAYS "ALL LIVES MATTER" - BLACK LIVES MATTER gawker.com/theres-no-good-way-to-say-all-lives-matter-1783596357

READING

readbrightly.com/how-to-diversify-your-childs-bookshelves/

WE NEED DIVERSE BOOKS – WNDB envisions a world where all children can see themselves in the pages of a book. They recognize all diverse experiences, including (but not limited to) LGBTQIA, Native, people of color, gender diversity, people with disabilities, and ethnic, cultural, and religious minorities. weneeddiversebooks.org/

BOOKS FOR THE CLASSROOM: TEACHING ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT tfcbooks.org/civilrightsmvt/classroom

RETHINKING MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Moving beyond a simplistic focus on heroes and holidays, and foods and festivals, Rethinking Multicultural Education demonstrates a powerful vision of anti-racist, social justice education.

#BlackLivesMatter Resource Series from Oakland Public Library

- **Institutional Racism: history & context** docs.google.com/document/d/1Gv9YIuThVRsyPDXhIcf_iFfQzcr2-x-iWLfLt7YwffQ/edit
- **Talking to Kids About Racism and Justice: a list for parents, caregivers, and educators** docs.google.com/document/d/1s0ICA3FlulVhK6DFE2d3uYCipc6ApY8Gn2rMwm6fYqw/edit

GRADES K-5

One Teacher's Approach: How to Teach Kids About Race and Social Justice. "Should I talk to them about race and racism? Would learning the truth about racism and segregation be too much for them to handle and create divisions in my diverse classroom?" incultureparent.com/2013/03/how-to-teach-kids-about-race-and-social-justice-one-teachers-approach/

Anti-Racism activity - Dr. Seuss' Sneetches tolerance.org/lesson/anti-racism-activity-sneetches

In the library for our youngest learners:

Early Childhood tfcbooks.org/best-recommended/earlychildhood Early Elementary - Picture Books tfcbooks.org/best-recommended/earlyelementary

Early Elementary - Chapter Books tfcbooks.org/best-recommended/earlyelementary-chapter-books

Upper Elementary tfcbooks.org/best-recommended/upperelementary; nytimes.com/interactive/2016/09/22/books/23racebooks.html?_r=0

GRADES 6-8

In the classroom: suggestions and strategies for having classroom conversations with young people about race and racism. adl.org/education-outreach/curriculum-resources/c/race-talk.html

Lesson/class activity: Racial Profiling <http://www.tolerance.org/lesson/racial-profiling>

In the library for middle schoolers: tfcbooks.org/best-recommended/middleschool http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/09/22/books/23racebooks.html?_r=0

101 Changemakers: In the great tradition of Howard Zinn, 101 Changemakers offers a "peoples' history" version of the individuals who have shaped our country for middle school students. In the place of founding fathers, presidents, and titans of industry, are profiles of those who courageously fought for social justice in America: Tecumseh, Harriet Tubman, Mark Twain, César Chávez, Rachel Carson, Harvey Milk, Henry Wallace, and many more. 101 Changemakers aims to provide young students with new ways of understanding how history is written and made.

GRADES 9-12

In the classroom: talking about race and racism – created as prep work for reading The New Jim Crow but can be done as a stand-alone classroom exercise. tolerance.org/lesson/talking-about-race-and-racism

Lesson/class activity: Racial Profiling tolerance.org/lesson/racial-profiling

Lesson: What is the School-to-Prison Pipeline? adl.org/education-outreach/lesson-plans/c/what-is-the-school-to-prison-pipeline.html-.V_1_HYVQXWo

In the library for high school students: YA Fiction tfcbooks.org/best-recommended/ya-fiction YA Nonfiction tfcbooks.org/ya-nonfiction

Black Lives Matter reading list hclib.bibliocommons.com/list/share/642401647_hcl_social_media/669879377_read_this_blacklives-matter_reads_for_teens

