

Antiracist Resources

A list of resources that we have used and discussed in the [Antiracist Work Group](#), as well as recommended additional resources from members. Every 3rd Sunday of the month, we share resources with one another, so please join us at 10am CT if you have additional content to add to this discussion.

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Texts we have read together

- [How to be an Antiracist](#) by Ibram X Kendi — The opposite of racist is not “not racist.” It’s “antiracist.” If you are looking to become antiracist, this is an excellent handbook.
- [If You're New to Abolition: Study Group Guide](#) from [Abolition Journal](#) — This is a six week study guide organized by theme with readings/viewings/listening resources for each topic.
- [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad — This book contains 28 days of prompts for white and white passing people to do to unpack their role in white supremacy and how they can dismantle it.
- [White Fragility and the Rules of Engagement](#) by Robin DiAngelo — This is a text that guides our discussions. We lean into discomfort and consult this guide when we feel uncomfortable.
- [White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#) by Peggy McIntosh — Have you heard the term “white privilege” and wondered what, exactly, it means? This is the text for you.
- [White Supremacy Culture: Characteristics](#) PDF (Updated website here: <http://www.whitesupremacyculture.info>) — Critical text examining the ways that we espouse and uphold white supremacy.

Member recommendations

This list is a bit messy and there are many more resources in our notes [here](#). Anyone is welcome to add resources here or notes about any of the resources listed.

Books

Our book list got so big that we moved it to [this table](#).

Events

- [Annual Chicago Race Riot Bike Tour](#) - Commemorating the anniversary of the 1919 race riot with a bike tour of historic sites connected to the event. Saturday in late July (see site for details)

Movies/TV

- [13th](#): scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the US prison boom
- [16 Shots \(2018\)](#): Laquan McDonald murder
- [Atlanta](#): This is a television series written by Black people, about Black characters, with an intended audience of Black people. If you are white and interested in consuming media that is not created for your gaze, try this show out. It's really good.
- [The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution](#): Their movement speaks to the movement going on right now
- [Judas and the Black Messiah \(2021\)](#)
- The New Corporation ([watch here on YouTube](#))
- [Paper & Glue](#): documentary that follows acclaimed French artist JR around the globe as he builds some of his most monumental projects, challenging perspectives and uniting communities through his thought-provoking work.
- [The Prison in Twelve Landscapes](#): An examination of the prison and its place – social, economic and psychological – in American society.
- [Rainbow Coalition](#): When Black, Latino and Poor White Activists Formed Alliance
- [Reservation Dogs](#): Streaming series. All indigenous people both behind and in front of the camera
- [The Social Dilemma](#)
- Killer Mike of the band Run the Jewels attempts to only spend money at Black owned businesses for three days on his show: ["Trigger Warning with Killer Mike" Living Black \(TV Episode 2019\)](#) Note that that's an IMDB link. The show is available on Netflix here (it's the first episode): [Trigger Warning with Killer Mike](#)
- [Artist Titus Kaphar on depicting loss and finding purpose](#)

Museums/Monuments

- [National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum](#): Memorial in Montgomery, AL dedicated to the legacy of enslaved Black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence.
- [National Underground Railroad Freedom Center](#) in Cincinnati, OH. The museum is located right on the Ohio River, the great natural barrier that separated the slave states of the South from the free states of the North. Very powerful displays and experiences within. Filling a huge gap in our fundamental education about slavery in this country.
- [National Center for Human and Civil Rights](#) in Atlanta GA

Newsletters

- Illinois Justice Project newsletter: Weekly news and updates on topics in juvenile and adult criminal justice reform. Sign up here: <https://www.iljp.org/>

Podcasts

- [A Brief History Of How Racism Shaped Interstate Highways](#) [NPR. That's a 7 min listen or you can read the transcript]
- Codeswitch: <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch>
This is a great podcast that addresses racism in every episode so dig through this list and choose specific topics of interest
- Invisibilia: [Eat The Rich](#)
- Making the Call: [Why are more black people dying of Covid 19? And can we solve that?](#)
- [Southlake](#) explores the story of how Southlake TX, and its local school board election, have become “the poster child for a new political strategy with national repercussions.” Don’t think this is just happening in Texas, because it’s happening everywhere.
- Stuff You Missed in History Class: [The Tuskegee Syphilis Study](#)
- Throughline: [American Police](#)

Websites

- [Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project](#)
- [The Civil War and Reconstruction Era, 1845-1877 | Open Yale Courses](#)
- [Criminal Justice Facts](#)
- [Equal Justice Initiative \(EJI\)](#) The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.
- [Sundown Towns in Illinois](#)
- [The People’s History of the Fourth of July](#) from the Zinn Education Project is a powerful look at the history of our country on this day, beyond 1776. It includes July 4th anniversaries such as the abolition of slavery in New York (1827), the attack on a Black

militia that led to the Hamburg Massacre (1876), the protest of segregation at an amusement park in Baltimore (1963), and more.

Our [ongoing weekly notes](#) are also full of recommended readings, listens, watchings, etc.