

Book and Film Recommendations

NOTE: Materials have not been vetted through the Division's [Standards for the Selection of Teaching and Learning Resources](#)

***May contain mature/graphic content including violence and brutality such as murder; physical, mental, and/or sexual abuse; trauma; sex and nudity etc...

**May contain topics of trauma experienced by Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour but contains little to no graphic content.

*Contains educational, inspiring, and/or entertaining content suitable for families.

Books - Personal Suggestions by Maria Castaneda

1. The Hate U Give** – Angie Thomas
2. The Skin We're In** – Desmond Cole
3. So You Want to Talk About Race* – Ijeoma Oluo
4. Becoming* – Michelle Obama
5. 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act** – Bob Joseph
6. The Bluest Eye*** – Toni Morrison

Documentaries - Personal Suggestions by Maria Castaneda

1. 13th*** – Ava DuVernay
2. Homecoming* – Beyoncé
3. Becoming* – Michelle Obama
4. Skin* – Daniel Etim Effiong

Films - Personal Suggestions by Maria Castaneda

1. Blackkkklansman*** (TV-MA)– Spike Lee
2. Da 5 Bloods*** – Spike Lee
3. Black is King* – Beyoncé
4. Minari* – Lee Isaac Chung
5. Moonlight*** – Barry Jenkins
6. Little* – Tina Gordon

7. Hidden Figures** – Theodore Melfi
8. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* – Chiwetel Ejiofor
9. Parasite*** – Bong Joon-ho
10. Home* – Tim Johnson
11. A Wrinkle in Time* – Ava DuVernay
12. Over the Moon* – Glen Keane
13. Dreamgirls* – Bill Condon
14. The Lovebirds* – Michael Showalter
15. Are We There Yet?* – Brian Levant
16. Annie (2014)* – Will Gluck

TV Shows - *Personal Suggestions by Maria Castaneda*

1. Kim's Convenience Store* (14+) – Ins Choi
2. Grown-ish* (PG) – Kenya Barris
3. Black-ish* (PG) – Kenya Barris
4. Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madame CJ Walker** (TV-MA) – starring Octavia Spencer
5. Grand Army*** (TV-MA) – Katie Cappiello
6. Fresh Off the Boat* – Nahnatchka Khan

Intersectional Books - *Suggestions by @tatakpilipino on Instagram*

1. Women, Race, & Class – Angela Y. Davis
2. We Should All be Feminist – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
3. Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? – Beverly Daniel Tatum
4. Sister Outsider – Audre Lorde
5. Notes of a Native Son – James Baldwin
6. Hunger – Roxanne Gay
7. There There – Tommy Orange
8. The Roundback to Sweetgrass – Linda LeGarde Grover
9. Perma Red – Debra Magpie Earling
10. Owls Don't Have to Mean Death – Chip Livingston
11. Where the Dead Sit Talking – Brandon Hobson

Asian Stories Told by Asian Writers Suggested By @tatakpilipino on Instagram

1. Pachinko – Min Jin Lee
2. Minor Feelings – Cathy Park Hong
3. America is Not the Heart – Elaine Castillo
4. The Leavers – Lisa Ko
5. 1Q84 – Haruki Murakami
6. The Woman Warrior – Maxine Hong Kingston
7. Goat Days – Benyamin
8. Please Look After Mother – Kyung-Sook Shin
9. Girls Burn Brighter – Shobha Rao
10. All You Can Ever Know – Nicole Chung
11. No-No Boy – John Okada
12. The Making of Asian America: A History – Erika Lee
13. On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous – Ocean Vuong
14. Girl in Translation – Jean Kwok