

## Racial Justice Readings (Working List)

This list is compiled from various other lists such as the Chicago Freedom School, Witnessing Whiteness, Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing & Training, and individual contributions from women of St. Louis.

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