



Anti-Racist Resources for Parents and Educators

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BLM 2020 Curriculum Resource Guide

This Google Drive folder contains Black Lives Matter curricula broken down by age group. Categories of curricula include:

- Early childhood
- Elementary
- Middle school
- General resources (include readings, videos for educators)
- High school
- Multilingual language learners
- Postsecondary/adult

WeTeachNYC: Civic Education

6 resources on current events and discussion questions

Anti-Racism Resources for Parents and Kids

Resource compilation for parents and children (including babies and toddlers). Includes influencers and organizations making a difference.

Books and Reading

Reading List for Explaining Racism and Protests to Kids

Provides book list broken down by age ranges from “Ages 0-3” to “Ages 12+” and explanations on how to talk to children at different ages about racism and protests:

- Encourages readers to assess what children understand and then discuss violence against black people without being too explicit with students at an elementary school age.
- With children in elementary school focus on the unfairness of the treatment of black and brown people because fairness is a concept that children can grasp.
- Create space to validate the feelings of children and leave the door open for future discussions about racism
- Emphasize safety and explain the positive effects of protests

7 Essential Books to Read That Will Educate You and Your Kids on Anti-Racism

7 books curated by In The Know (ITK) that center around anti-racism education

This Book is AntiRacist

Q&A with educator and activist, Tiffany Jewell, discussing her new book, This Book is Anti-Racist, as well the whole idea and concept of Anti-racism.

20 Picture Books for 2020

Readings to Embrace Race, Provide Solace & Do Good

Lesson Plans and Tips for Educators

Teaching Tolerance

These classroom resources (lessons, learning plans, posters, etc) for educators teaching students K-12 supplement social justice and anti-bias curricula. Topics include:

- Race and ethnicity
- Rights and activism
- Ability
- Religion
- Class
- Immigration
- Gender and sexual identity
- Bullying and bias

WeTeachNYC: Racism Resources

15 resources that include websites and lesson plans to help educators discuss racism, social justice, as well as current and historical events

Race Talk: Engaging Young People in Conversations about Race and Racism

An ADL article aimed at Teachers, with suggestions and strategies for having classroom conversations with young people about race and racism.

Prior to these discussions and throughout the process, teachers will benefit from doing **their own** self-reflective personal work around race and racism—whether this takes the form of professional development, reading and reflection, conversations with colleagues and others—to be aware of their own triggers and sensitivities and be willing to not only be uncomfortable but be a learner alongside their students.

How Educators Can Talk About Inclusive Language With Young People

Tips for educators on how to teach young people about inclusive language through understanding language shifts, why they matter and the decision making around which conventions to follow. Also includes website links to other resources about diversifying books

How Educators (and Parents) Can Talk About Inclusive Language with Young People

A brief article from We Need Diverse Books with some starter tips for educators who want to introduce students to identity-affirming, inclusive language.

Education and Criminalization: Do Black Lives Matter in Schools

As more and more is written about the ways society enacts anti-Blackness and white supremacy against Black youth, less addressed in many reading lists & syllabi is the role education plays. This collection of peer-reviewed articles focuses on how schools (re)produce criminalization of Black youth. Education has a reckoning to do around the ways it constructs criminals from the behaviors and learning of Black youth. The writings in this document engage these issues in ways that refuse to pathologize Black youth.

Conversations with Youth

Kojo For Kids

A podcast with Jason Reynolds, who recently co-authored a book for young people fighting racism with Ibram Kendi, called *Stamped: Racism, Anti Racism, and You*.

Kojo for Kids asked Jason to help listeners understand the current climate concerning racism, how we got here, and how to build a less racist society. Transcript for podcast included.

“They’re Not Too Young to Talk about Race”

Resources for talking with children about racism, police brutality, racial consciousness. Research is a based [Timeline](#) for how to talk about race with children

Listening Circle on George Floyd

Practice guidelines for educators to use with young people to discuss George Floyd Police Killing and Upsetting Events with Young People. It highlights questions, opening, and closing of discussion practice

How to Talk to Kids About Race: Books and Resources That Can Help

by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Includes books for adults to self educate as well as children’s books that can help educate children on race.

Talking to kids about Racism

A brief article by UNICEF Parenting on how parents and guardians can talk to their children about racism, broken down into 3 age groups: under 5 years, 6-11 years, and 12+ years.

How to talk to your children about protests and racism

Sandee LaMotte, from CNN, breaks down how to talk to children, based on 3 age groups: infants and toddlers, preschool and elementary school ages, and tweens and teens. Also discusses “the talk” that black families always have to have with their children at young ages.

Raising Colorblind Kids Isn't the Point, Raising Empathetic Kids Is

by Sa'iyda Shabazz

“The key is to **teach children that their differences don't make them any better or worse** than their friends or anyone else for that matter. We may think that something like this would be obvious, but it needs to be spelled out, especially for children.”

What White Children Need to Know About Race

This article from the National Association of Independent Schools discusses how white parents' avoidance of conversations about race leads to their children being unable to understand and discuss real-world racial dynamics. “While white parents' intention is to convey to their children the belief that race *shouldn't* matter, the message their children receive is that race, in fact, *doesn't* matter.”

How White Parents Can Talk To Their Kids About Race

A 7 minute NPR podcast with Jennifer Harvey on how white parents can have discussions about race with their children as well as the consequence of white silence. Includes a written transcript.

How white parents should talk to their young kids about race

An article written by Melinda Wenner Moyer, “a white parent with white kids living in a mostly white neighborhood,” that describes the racial biases that stem from early childhood and the importance of having discussions about racial differences with children.

How White Parents Can Use Media to Raise Anti-Racist Kids

Movies, TV, and books can be powerful teaching tools when it comes to helping kids understand race, racism, and a history of racial oppression, so this article by Common Sense Media gives 10 ideas on how to use media to start and continue these conversations about race and racism with your kids.

Why White Parents Need to Do More Than Talk to Their Kids About Racism

A TIME article that highlights the importance of parents leading by example to ensure they are raising anti-racist children, and how a lot of choices made by white parents can lead an example in the wrong direction for children.

[27 Mistakes White Teachers of Black Students Make and How to Fix Them](#)

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