Resources for Talking with Students About Race, Privilege, and Power

This list of resources is compiled for teachers, parents, and community members who are seeking help in having difficult conversations with young people about the systemic racism and inequities present in our society.

We recognize at the outset that this list is far from complete. It is intended as a starting point and a guide.

**Resources for Facilitating Dialogue**

* [*White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack*](https://nationalseedproject.org/Key-SEED-Texts/white-privilege-unpacking-the-invisible-knapsack) by Peggy McIntosh
* [*Beyond the Knapsack*](https://www.tolerance.org/print/81727/print) by Adrienne van der Valk
* [*Dealing With Controversial Issues*](https://www.learner.org/series/social-studies-in-action-a-teaching-practices-library-k-12/dealing-with-controversial-issues/) from the Annenberg Learner
* [*Controversy in the Classroom*](https://www.routledge.com/Controversy-in-the-Classroom-The-Democratic-Power-of-Discussion/Hess/p/book/9780415962292) by Dr. Diana Hess

**Books on Race and Antiracism**

*\*books with an asterisk are written for a young adult audience*

* [*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*](https://newjimcrow.com) by Michelle Alexander
* [*Policing the Black Man*](https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/537978/policing-the-black-man-by-edited-and-with-an-introduction-by-angela-j-davis/) Edited by Angela J. Davis
* [*White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*](https://robindiangelo.com/publications/)by Robin Diangelo
* [*How to Argue with a Racist: History, Science, Race and Reality*](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwirqo3PjObpAhUSG80KHXTuDN8QFjAFegQIEBAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.goodreads.com%2Fbook%2Fshow%2F52927421-how-to-argue-with-a-racist&usg=AOvVaw1934kUHIgj_92PUeX21ja5) by Adam Rutherford
* [*How to be an Antiracist*](https://www.ibramxkendi.com/how-to-be-an-antiracist-1)by Ibram X. Kendi
* [*\*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*](https://www.lbyr.com/titles/jason-reynolds/stamped-racism-antiracism-and-you/9780316453707/) by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
* *\**[*This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work*](https://www.quartoknows.com/books/9780711245211/This-Book-Is-Anti-Racist.html) by Tiffany Jewell & Aurelia Durand
* [*\*Just Mercy (adapted for young adults)*](https://www.mahoganybooks.com/9780525580065) by Bryan Stevenson
* [*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations about Race*](https://www.amazon.com/Black-Kids-Sitting-Together-Cafeteria/dp/0465060684/ref%3Dpd_lpo_14_t_0/141-3087298-0248264?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0465060684&pd_rd_r=38e1997b-0a2b-46bf-8e7b-709c30c6680b&pd_rd_w=x7hrY&pd_rd_wg=nrmSN&pf_rd_p=7b36d496-f366-4631-94d3-61b87b52511b&pf_rd_r=9FQPJT5ZTJ1QDD7HFCD4&psc=1&refRID=9FQPJT5ZTJ1QDD7HFCD4) by Beverly Daniel Tatum
* [*So You Want to Talk about Race*](https://www.amazon.com/You-Want-Talk-About-Race/dp/1580058825/ref%3Dsr_1_1?crid=2Y5IGLRMLXX5S&dchild=1&keywords=so+you+want+to+talk+about+race&qid=1591205017&s=books&sprefix=so+you+wan%2Cstripbooks%2C208&sr=1-1) by Ijeoma Oluo

**Articles and Teaching Resources**

* [*Being Antiracist*](https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/being-antiracist) from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture
* [*Teaching about Race, Racism and Police Violence*](https://www.tolerance.org/moment/racism-and-police-violence) from Teaching Tolerance
* [*Reflecting on George Floyd’s Death and Police Violence Towards Black Americans*](https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources/current-events/reflecting-george-floyds-death-police-violence-towards-black-americans?utm_campaign=COVID19&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=88865794&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_lIWesPnqPDy9vQz3uDtx526ay3Ay10AR5fz8qq7UYC8b967wDO097ASgcXoLE5Jt-wj9J9u9sogyXu4QL2xT5XDj5NA&utm_content=88865794&utm_source=hs_email) from Facing History and Ourselves
* [*Let’s Get to the Root of Racial Injustice*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s) by Dr. Megan Ming Francis (TEDx Video)