



Diversity Toolkit

Tools for Teachers

Educolor:

Educolor is an organization “founded by people of color, with people of color, for people of color.” The shared link directs to their resource page, which provides a full list of book offerings, journals and articles, and a listing of websites and organizations. This is a valuable collection for those on a personal journey regarding equity and for educators wishing to educate themselves.

<https://educolor.org/resources/>

Facing History & Ourselves:

Facing History & Ourselves “uses lessons of history to challenge teachers and their learners to stand up to bigotry and hate.” Their website is full of lessons, topics to explore, a current event section that ties to curriculum, a lending library, and much more!

<https://www.facinghistory.org/>

First Book & Pizza Hut – Empowering Educators:

In 2019, First Book surveyed educators and found that “66% would like to more proactively engage their learners in conversations about race.” The developed resource offers insights from their survey, a video series, and a guidebook for “empowering educators.” The guidebook is full of ideas on teaching and setting up a classroom library, and has an offering of lesson plans.

<https://firstbook.org/pizzahut-empoweringeducators/>

National Museum of African American History & Culture, Smithsonian – Talking about Race:

Talking about Race offers “tools and guidance to empower your journey and inspire conversation.” This website offers resources to educators, parent/caregivers, and those that are “committed to equity.”

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race>

PBS—Anti Racist Learning Resources:

PBS offers many resources for anti-racist learning.

- Their lessons are robust and include media clips to share with learners. One section, “PBS American Portrait” offers stories from across the country – “a portrait of what it really means to be American today.”

<https://www.pbs.org/foundation/blogs/pbs-programs/learning-resources-for-our-current-moment/>

- PBS Teachers' Lounge offers virtual professional learning in a four-part series "Tools for Anti-Racist Teaching." The series "will explore tools for antiracist teaching and will consider the ways in which we can use media and media literacy to deepen our understanding of systematic racism." Resources are peppered throughout the rich conversation between guests and moderators. This is a valuable tool for teacher training!
<https://www.pbs.org/education/blog/tools-for-anti-racist-teaching>

Teaching Tolerance:

Teaching Tolerance shares, "our mission is to help teachers and schools educate children and youth to be active participants in a diverse democracy." Their site includes lessons on diversity for educators' use. While they focus on lessons for K-12 students, many could be used or modified for adult learners. A highlighted lesson from their site is "Talking about Race and Racism."

<https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/tolerance-lessons/talking-about-race-and-racism>

TED Talk – The Danger of a Single Story, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (TEDGlobal 2009):

During this inspiring TED talk, novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie "tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice" and gives a warning on hearing "only a single story about another person or country." This is a perfect TED talk for class discussion and reflection.

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

The Change Agent:

The Change Agent is an adult education magazine for social justice. It is "student-generated" and has "relevant content in print and audio at various levels of complexity—designed to teach basic skills and transform and inspire adult learners." The issue, "Talking about Race", outlines why it is important for race to be taught in the classroom. The issue is full of "students' heartfelt stories and penetrating analyses" on this topic. Teachers will find supporting materials very helpful for everyday teaching.

<https://changeagent.nelrc.org/>

The New York Times – 26 Mini Films for Exploring Race, Bias and Identity with Learners:

The New York Times offers 26 short documentaries, ranging from one to seven minutes. To accompany these shorts, they offer "teaching ideas, related reading, and student activities."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/15/learning/lesson-plans/25-mini-films-for-exploring-race-bias-and-identity-with-learners.html>

Books/Essays/Articles/Lessons:

Education Week Teacher:

This online magazine offers a two-part series:

- Part one - “Strategies for Embracing Anti-Racist Work in our Classrooms”
http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/classroom_qa_with_larry_ferlazzo/2020/08/strategies_for_embracing_anti-racist_work_in_our_classrooms.html
- Part two - “Lesson for Teachers from George Floyd’s Death and Black Lives Matter”
http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/classroom_qa_with_larry_ferlazzo/2020/09/lessons_for_teachers_from_george_floyds_death_black_lives_matter.html?cmp=soc-edit-tw&utm_source=NCFL+Literacy+NOW&utm_campaign=3ba36eacad-8.21.2020_COP_Y_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ddbeaff477-3ba36eacad-69130100

First Book:

Discusses the “power of literature” and evaluating books through an Anti-bias/Anti-racist (ABAR) lens. View their “Empowering Educators Teacher Guidebook, Part III - The Power of Literature” for tips and book suggestions.

<https://firstbook.org/pizzahut-empoweringeducators/>

Harriet A. Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*:

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

Netflix Series – BOOKMARKS – Celebrating Black Voices:

Netflix has compiled a 12 episode series of children’s books by Black authors, and they are read by celebrity readers. These books explore “themes of identity, respect, justice and action.” Marley Dias, activist, author, and founder of the #1000BlackGirlBooks campaign, hosts the series.

<https://www.netflix.com/title/81303906?s=i&trkid=13747225>

Poetry Offerings to Explore and Engage on the Civil Rights Movement and Social Justice:

- Poets.org - Politics and Social Justice: Poems for Teens
<https://poets.org/text/politics-and-social-justice-poems-teens>
- Poetry Foundation – Poetry and the Civil Rights Movement
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/146367/poetry-and-the-civil-rights-movement>

Septima Poinsette Clark, *Echo in My Soul and Ready From Within: Septima Clark and the Civil Rights Movement*

Social Issues “Bookflix” Presentation:

This presentation, in Google Slides, offers book choices with a focus on social issues. Book selections are sorted by topic. Each book is highlighted with a summary or review and many summaries offer links to book trailers or other resources.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AkCMf2rw8jTFSFDeYB7SE_Uwlu7srsBOre3u8SQiYWY/edit

Susie King Taylor, *Reminiscences of My Life in Camp with the 33d United States Colored Troops Late 1st S. C. Volunteers*

<https://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/taylorsu/summary.html>

Teachers & Writers Magazine (Published by the Teachers & Writers Collaborative, Brooklyn, NY):

The organization “promotes the educational tools to create an equitable classroom that uplifts the imagination of all our learners.”

- They have compiled a #BlackLivesMatter Reading List to encourage and support conversation “both in and out of the classroom.”
<https://teachersandwritersmagazine.org/blacklivesmatter-reading-list-7439.htm>
- They offer a powerful lesson – “Using Claudia Rankine’s *Citizen* to Prompt Writing About Prejudice.”
<https://teachersandwritersmagazine.org/using-claudia-rankines-citizen-to-prompt-writing-about-prejudice-2324.htm>