

Reading List for Background Study for Racial Justice Work

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Africa

<u>They Came Before Columbus</u>	Ivan Van Sertima
<u>Destruction of Black Civilization</u>	Chancellor Williams
<u>The Fate of Africa: From the Hopes of Freedom to the Heart of Dispair</u>	Martin Meredith

Middle Passage

<u>Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora</u>	Stephanie E. Smallwood
<u>Slavery at Sea: Terror, Sex and Sickness in the Middle Passage</u>	Sowande M. Mustakeem

Slavery in America

<u>American Slavery, American Freedom</u>	Edmund S. Morgan
<u>American Colonies: The Settling of North America</u>	Alan Taylor
<u>The Willie Lynch Letter & the Making of a Slave</u>	

Plantation Life

<u>Plantation Life on Old River & Beyond: An Autobiography</u>	Henry Gage, Sr.
<u>Story Based on the Life of Henry Gage</u>	
<u>Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl</u>	Harriet Jacobs
<u>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</u>	Frederick Douglass
<u>My Bondage and My Freedom</u>	Frederick Douglass

Rebellion & Abolitionist Thought

<u>The Confessions of Nat Turner, the Leader of the Late Insurrection in Southhampton, VA</u>	Nat Turner, Thomas Gray
<u>Appeal</u>	David Walker

Antebellum

<u>Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution 1863-1877</u>	Eric Foner
<u>Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad</u>	Eric Foner
<u>Black Reconstruction in America</u>	W.E.B. DuBois
<u>Remembering Jim Crow: African-Americans Tell about Life in the Segregated South</u>	William H. Chafe Raymond Gavins
<u>Managing White Supremacy: Race, Politics and Citizenship in Jim Crow Virginia</u>	J. Douglas Smith
<u>Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from Civil War-WWII</u>	Douglas A. Blackmon
<u>The Other Civil War: Slavery and Struggle in Civil War America</u>	Howard Zinn

Black Nationalist Political Theory

<u>The Miseducation of the Negro</u>	Carter G. Woodson
<u>Up from Slavery</u>	Booker T. Washington
<u>The Souls of Black Folk</u>	W.E.B. DuBois
<u>The Negro Problem</u>	Charles Chestnutt
<u>Modern Black Nationalism: From Marcus Garvey to Louis Farrakhan</u>	William L. Van Deburg

Affirmative Action

<u>When Affirmative Action was White</u>	Ira Katznelson
<u>The History of White People</u>	Nell Irvin Painter
<u>Dog Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals have reinvented racism and wrecked the middle class</u>	Ian Haney Lopez
<u>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration</u>	Isabel Wilkerson

Prejudice & Racist Ideology

<u>White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide</u>	Carol Anderson
<u>The Camp of the Saints</u>	Jean Raspail
<u>The Myth of Equality: Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege</u>	Ken Wystma

White Privilege

<u>White Privilege</u>	Paula Rothenberg
<u>Waking up White, and Finding myself in the story of race</u>	Debby Irving
<u>Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to</u>	Frances Kendall
<u>Authentic Relationships Across Race</u>	
<u>White Like Me</u>	Tim Wise
<u>Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority</u>	Tim Wise
<u>White Lies Matter: Race, Crime and the Politics of Fear</u>	Tim Wise
<u>Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's legacy of Enduring</u>	Joy Degruy
<u>Injury and Healing</u>	
<u>Breaking the Curse of Willie Lynch: The Science of Slave</u>	Alvin Morrow
<u>Psychology</u>	
"White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack	Peggy McIntosh
<u>White Fragility</u>	Robin DiAngelo

Other Titles (Racial Justice & Anti-racist theory)

<u>How to Be an Anti-Racist</u>	Ibram X. Kendi
<u>Race Matters</u>	Cornel West
<u>Back Lash</u> : What happens when we talk honestly about Racism in America	George Yancy
<u>Color of Law</u>	Richard Rothstein
<u>Race First</u>	Tony Martin
<u>Whitewashing Race</u> : The Myth of a Color Blind Society	Michael K Brown; Martin Carnoy
<u>Biased</u> : Uncovering the Hidden prejudice that shapes what we see, think and do	Jennifer L. Eberhardt
<u>We are Not Equal</u> : Understanding our Racial Divide	Carol Anderson
<u>From Black Lives Matter to Black Liberation</u>	Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
<u>Just Medicine</u> : A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Healthcare	Dayna Bowen Matthew