

Anti-Racism & Social Justice Resources for 5-6

In "[Don't Stay Silent](#)," an article in the Teaching Tolerance publication, Jamilah Pitts writes, "Students pay attention to everything we say and do. They particularly pay attention to our silence. We may be uncomfortable talking about race, but we can no longer afford to be silent."

Below are resources collated to support our work as educators so that we can better engage in conversations with students about race, racism, and social justice.

Suggested Activities for Synchronous Time

Background Knowledge on Race and Racism:

- Race: [Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester](#) with discussion questions
- Allyship: [Ally Poem](#) from [Dictionary for a Better World](#) by Irene Latham & Charles Waters

and/or

Activities to prompt further reflection and discussion:

- [Draw, Write, Share Messages of Action for Black Lives](#)
- [Write a Protest Poem with 8 Powerful Words](#)
- [Using Photographs to Teach Social Justice](#), Teaching Tolerance guidance, May/June Protests photos
- Read aloud of [Something Happened in Our Town](#) with [info and questions for use with students](#)

Ongoing Classroom Resources

Teaching Tolerance

- [Defenders of Justice \(Gr 3-5, possibly 6\)](#)
- [Little Rock Nine \(4-6\)](#)
- [Looking at Race and Racial Identity Through Children's Books \(K-2, 3-5\)](#)
- [Sharing Our Colors: Writing Poetry \(K-2, 3-5\)](#)

Sources for further reflection and discussion:

- [As Fast as Words Can Fly](#) by Pamela M. Tuck (read by Dule Hill) [Teacher's Guide](#)
- [Dictionary for a Better World](#) by Irene Latham & Charles Waters
- [Diverse Book Finder](#)
- [Embrace Race](#) and [The Conscious Kid](#)
- [Freedom Summer - Lesson Ideas](#)
- [Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets \(part 1\)](#)
- [Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets \(part 2\)](#)
- [Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets \(part 3\)](#)
- [Social Justice Book list](#), compiled by the National Network of State Teachers of the Year
- [Something Happened in Our Town](#)
- [The Other Side - resources for discussion](#)
- [The Undefeated](#) by Kwame Alexander
- [We are Kid Lit Collective](#)
- ["28 More Black Picture Books that Aren't About Boycotts, Busses or Basketball"](#) compiled list
- ["Racism" poem by Ayan Salat](#)

National Museum of African American History & Culture (Smithsonian)

- [Talking About Race](#)

Edutopia

- [10-Powerful Community-Building Ideas](#)

Common Sense Education

- [Social and Cultural Literacy Resources for classrooms](#)

Resources for Teacher Learning

Teacher Professional Development (with some self-guided learning):

- District SEED Seminar (stay tuned for future offerings on SmartEDU)
- [Social Justice Standards \(Teaching Tolerance\)](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance](#)
- [The National SEED Project](#)

Websites and Lists of Resources:

- [AB website: Talking with kids about bias, hate and more](#)
- [American Library Association](#) resources in response to current events and social justice issues
- [Anti-Racism and Cultural Competency Resources](#) an expansive list for teachers by a MA educator
- [Anti-Racism Resources](#) a list of compiled resources
- [Bringing Black Lives Matter into the Classroom](#), Teaching Tolerance article by Jamilah Pitts
- [Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning](#)
- [Disrupting a Destructive Cycle](#) - Part 1 (with Cornelius Minor)
- [Goals and Strategies for White Educators Working Toward Antiracism and Social Justice](#) by Jennifer Serravallo
- [How to Talk to Your Kids About Race and Justice \(WBUR podcast\)](#)
- [Mini-films for Exploring Race, Bias and Identity with Students](#)
- [Racism Interruptions](#)
- [Speak Up: Responding to Everyday Bigotry](#), Southern Poverty Law Center
- [Teaching for Change](#)
- ["What we know"](#) some research-based notes about race and racial bias
- [Kid Lit for Black Lives Recorded Rally](#)

Books:

- ["A Reading List for America"](#) from New York Public Library
- [Being the Change - Lessons and Strategies to Teach Social Comprehension](#) by Sara K. Ahmed
- [40 books for Anti-Racist Teachers](#) compiled by Joe Truss, Culturally Responsive Leadership

General information about kids, race, and racial identity development:

- [Black Lives Matter at School - Resources](#) (NEA)
- [Facing History and Ourselves Resources](#)
- [Summary of Stages of Racial Identity Development](#)
- [They're Not Too Young to Teach about Race](#)

Family Resources

Websites and documents to explore race as parents or caregivers:

- [PBS Teaching Your Child About Black History](#)
- [Talking About Race for parents or caregivers](#) (National Museum of African American History & Culture)
- [They're Not Too Young to Teach about Race](#) (infographic on the importance of talking about race)

with kids)

- [Kid Lit for Black Lives Recorded Rally](#)

Books for parent or caregiver learning:

- [Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America](#) ([interview on NPR](#) with the author)

Organizations:

- [Embrace Race](#)
- [Raising Race Conscious Children](#)
- [The Conscious Kid](#)
- [Wee The People](#)