

Resources on Race, Anti-Racism, and the Black Experience in America

As an English Department at Wissahickon High School, we see what is happening in the world and feel compelled to respond. To that end, we have compiled a list of resources to expand understanding and empathy for what it means to be a black person in America. By no means is this list complete, but it is a starting point for a conversation and a powerful journey to peace, understanding, and reconciliation.

Fiction/Literature:

- *Americanah*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison
- *The Color Purple*, Alice Walker
- *Invisible Man*, Ralph Ellison
- *The Nickel Boys*, Colson Whitehead
- *Salvage the Bones*, Jesmyn Ward
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston
- *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
- *Washington Black*, Esi Eduygan

Non-Fiction:

- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told to Alex Haley*, Malcolm X and Alex Haley
- *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Black Boy*, Richard Wright
- *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah
- *The Fire Next Time*, James Baldwin
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, Bryan Stevenson
- *March*, John Lewis
- *The Souls of Black Folk*, W.E.B. DuBois
- *Tell Me Who You are*, Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi
- *Up From Slavery: An Autobiography*, Booker T. Washington
- *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Isabel Wilkerson

Young Adult Selections:

- *All American Boys*, Jason Reynolds
- *Children of Blood and Bone*, Tomi Ayedemi
- *Dear Martin*, Nic Stone
- *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
- *Long Way Down*, Jason Reynolds
- *The Skin I'm In*, Sharon Flake
- *The Poet X*, Elizabeth Acevedo

Poetry:

- *The Collected Works of Langston Hughes*, Langston Hughes
- *Jimmy Blues and Other Poems*, James Baldwin
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson

Podcasts:

- *The 1619 Project*, The New York Times
- *Code Switch*, NPR
- *In the Dark*, American Public Media

Other Resources:

- "158 Resources to Understand Racism in America," Smithsonianmag.com
- Socialjusticebooks.org
- "Systemic Racism Explained," Act.Tv on YouTube
- "Talking About Race," National Museum of African American History and Culture