



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black Lives Matter

INQUIRE!

What is racial equality? How can we work towards racial equality in Canada?

“Alicia Garza, Patrice Cullors and Opal Tomti founded #blacklivesmatter as a direct response to racist backlash in the form of police brutality. From the minds and hearts of these three black women - two of whom are queer - this declaration of love intuitively signified that in order to truly be anti-racists, we must also oppose all the sexism, homophobia, colorism, ethnocentrism, nativism cultural prejudice and class bias teeming and teaming with racism to harm so many Black lives... Collectively, these activists were pressing against discrimination in all forms, in all areas of society, and from a myriad of vantage points.”

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You
by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi

It is never too soon to begin important conversations with children about equity, race, diversity and social justice. The Black Lives Matter movement has brought these issues to the forefront, both in the USA and Canada. The resources below support educators in beginning these courageous conversations in age-appropriate and compassionate ways.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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Resources for Primary

The Breaking News by Reul (2018)



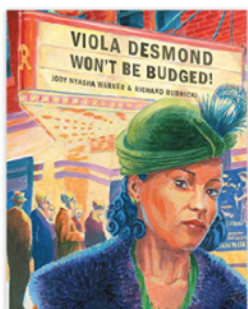
When devastating news rattles a young girl's community, her normally attentive parents and neighbours are suddenly exhausted and distracted. At school, her teacher tells the class to look for the helpers—the good people working to make things better in big and small ways. She wants more than anything to help in a BIG way, but maybe she can start with one *small* act of kindness instead . . . and then another, and another. Small things can compound, after all, to make a world of difference. (Publisher website) Listen to the author do a read-aloud [here](#)

Race Cars by Devenny (2016)



Race Cars is a children's book about white privilege. It was created to serve as a springboard for parents and educators to facilitate tough conversations with their children about race, privilege and oppression.

Race Cars tells the story of 2 best friends, a white car and a black car, that have different experiences and face different rules while entering the same race.



Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged by Warner (2018)

Viola Desmond is an unsung hero of one of Canada's oldest and most established black communities. Like Claudette Colvin and Rosa Parks, who many years later, in 1955, refused to give up their bus seats in Alabama, Desmond's act of refusal awakened people to the unacceptable nature of racism and began the process of bringing an end to racial segregation in Canada.

Anti-Racism Book Bundles in your Library Learning Commons

In the Fall of 2020, all SD38 school Library Learning Commons received an anti-racism book bundle to support equity work in schools. These books by BIPOC authors and illustrators focus on fostering tolerance, celebrating diversity and introducing big concepts such as race, privilege, identity, equality and justice. Find the list of primary books [here](#) and ask your Teacher Librarian to help you sign them out!

Resources for Intermediate/Secondary

CBC curio: *What Canadian Kids Should Know About #blacklivesmatter* (Canada, June 2020)

Suitable for ages 9-14. Read and view it [here](#).



CBC curio: *Black Lives Matter Canada - A Call For Racial Equality* (Canada, 2020)

Suitable for ages 13+. Read and view it [here](#)



BrainPop: *Helping Kids Understand the Black Lives Matter Movement* (USA, June 2020)

Suitable for ages 10+. Read and view it [here](#)

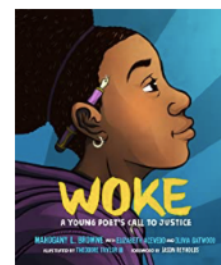
Teaching Kids News: *Black Lives Matter*

Suitable for ages 10+ . Read and view it [here](#).



Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice by Browne et al.

Woke is a collection of poems by women that reflects the joy and passion in the fight for social justice, tackling topics from discrimination to empathy, and acceptance to speaking out.



Coming soon!

The DRC is in the process of creating anti-racism Lit Circle Kits for both intermediate and secondary classrooms. Contact drcbookings@sd38.bc.ca to book your set.

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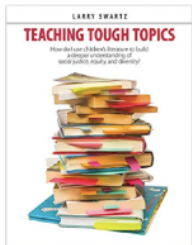
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Resources for Educators



This Book is Antiracist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action and Do the Work by Jewell and Durand (2020)

Learn about social identities, the history of racism and resistance against it, and how you can use your anti-racist lens and voice to move the world toward equity and liberation.



Teaching Tough Topics – How do I Use Children's Literature to Build a Deeper Understanding of Social Justice, Equity and Diversity by Swartz (2020)

Teaching Tough Topics shows teachers how to lead students to become caring citizens as they read and respond to quality children's literature. It focuses on topics that can be challenging or sensitive yet significant for building an understanding of social justice, diversity and equity. Racism, homophobia, bullying, religious intolerance, poverty, and physical and mental challenges are just some of the themes explored.



Courageous Conversations About Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools by Singleton (2014)

This book explains the need for candid, courageous conversations about race so that educators may develop a curriculum that promotes true educational equity and excellence. Through "courageous conversations," educators will learn how to create a learning community that promotes true equity and equality.



The Skin We're In by Cole (2020)

Cole chronicles struggles against racism over the course of a single year – 2017 – with each month contributing to a comprehensively stark picture of the Black experience in Canada.



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We have done our very best to choose resources that are useful and appropriate for students. Each classroom and teacher is different, however, and previewing all film and print resources is essential! These resources are meant to be helpful and not prescriptive.