In Support of Conversations About Race for Adults

The ECEA believes that race talk is essential among teachers, administrators, and family members to be able to explore, better understand, and act to change individual and institutional racism in schools and society. Most difficult is identifying and acknowledging those subtle spaces where racism exists often only recognized by those who are its victims. These links are provided as possibilities for engaging in race talk that has the potential for change. We invite educators to read, view, reflect, talk and then use learning to engage in the difficult work of affecting change. This document is divided into three sections: Understanding Race and Racism; Discussing Whiteness; and Taking Steps Toward Change. Certainly there is a vast range of further resources including books and articles. We offer these sites as a beginning.

Understanding Race and Racism

Langston Hughes read by Danny Glover:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/langston-hughes-black-lives-matter_55c3875ee4b0f1cbf1e3f720?kvcommref=mostpopular

I am not racist, am I?
http://www.notracistmovie.com/about-the-film/trailer/

Naming this era of racial contradictions:
http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2015/08/01/naming-this-era-racial-contradictions/52qnRhatVwJNYA48LmGgK/story.html?event=event25

Understanding race as a social construct:
• http://www.vox.com/2015/1/13/7536655/race-myth-debunked

Open letter to my Black sisters:

Race: The Power of Illusion
• Part I:
  https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Race:+The+Power+of+An+Illusion,+Episode+1,+Part+1/1_flhyt56x
• Part II:
  https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Race:+The+Power+of+An+Illusion+-+The+Story+We+Tell+(Part+2)/1_kqm0k7sv
• Part III:
  https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Race:+The+Power+of+An+Illusion+-+The+Story+We+Tell+(Part+3)/1_nf8r165t
• Part IV:
  https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Race:+The+Power+of+An+Illusion+-+The+Story+We+Tell+(Part+4)/1_iilw0481

The importance of talking about race:
http://isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic551851.files/TalkingAboutRace%20Tatum.pdf

Hard talk about race:

Description of how racism works:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV_GT5qf-ig&sns=fb&app=desktop

Site for extensive resources in support of race talk:
• http://www.ithaca.edu/wise/race_african_american/
• http://www.racismreview.com/blog/documentaries/

America’s history of racial inequality:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUwmz2QOp9Q&feature=youtu.be

Why “Black Lives Matter” matters:
• https://www.facebook.com/ajplusenglish/videos/595352760606235/?fref=nb
e'action=share'
• http://www.thefeministwire.com/2014/12/breaking-news-open-letter-love-black-students-blacklivesmatter-dec/
• http://fusion.net/story/170591/the-next-time-someone-says-all-lives-matter-show-them-these-5-paragraphs/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=socialshare&utm_content=desktop+top
• http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/19/blacklivesmatter-birth-civil-rights-movement?CMP=share_btn_fb
• Judith Butler: What’s wrong with ‘All lives matter’?
• http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/01/12/whats-wrong-with-all-lives-matter/?_r=2

Understanding microagressions (every day racism):
• Episode #17 at minute 9.10: https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-17-caribbean-vibez/id977676980?i=346597936&mt=2
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZUyJAGFkM
• Reading only nonwhite authors for a year:
  http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/feb/20/i-only-read-non-white-authors-for-12-months-what-i-learned-surprised-me

Understanding institutional racism:
• http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/10/14/after-watching-this-you-will-know-why-black-children-suffer-the-most-from-institutional-racism/
• Understanding systems of racial inequity:
  http://www.racialequitytools.org/module/understanding-the-system-of-racial-inequity
• What is systemic racism? https://www.raceforward.org/videos/systemic-racism

Profiling and stereotype:
• I too am Harvard (profiling): http://empathyeducates.org/Journeys-to-and-through/black-harvard-students-share-their-experiences/
• Short video clips about racial stereotypes: http://www.edutopia.org/blog/five-minute-film-festival-talking-about-race-and-stereotypes
• I am not a token: http://thebodyisnotanapology.com/magazine/im-not-your-token/

Ta-Nehisi Coates on race:
• http://www.democracynow.org/2015/7/22/between_the_world_and_me_ta
• http://www.rollingstone.com/culture/features/ta-nehisi-coates-on-race-hip-hop-and-being-praised-by-toni-morrison-20150716#ixzz3gCbnIWr9

White People/MTV film:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zjJ1PmJcRM

Chimamanda Adichie: The dangers of being too comfortable in silence
http://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/may/11/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie-fear-causing-offence-a-fetish

Realities of racism in every day life:
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTcSVQJ2h8g&list=PLQ9B-p5Q_YOMQjYVMb6Wx_XbuSSG_W0r&index=1
• http://www.upworthy.com/dante-and-david-apply-for-the-same-job-but-only-one-gets-an-interview-heres-the-rest-of-their-day?c=ufb1

George Yancy interviews Noam Chomsky:
• http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/03/18/noam-chomsky-on-the-roots-of-american-racism/?_r=2

Cultural/Racial appropriation:
• https://www.facebook.com/MyNaturalSistas/videos/1111129972236446/?fref=nf
• http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/04/14/amandla-stenberg-cultural_n_7064420.html?ncid=tweetlnkushpmg0000051

Racism and Black males:
• http://ideas.ted.com/my-hopes-dreams-fears-for-my-future-black-son/
• http://www.ted.com/talks/clint_smith_how_to_raise_a_black_son_in_america
• http://www.vox.com/2015/6/7/8736965/racism-black-sons-police
• A conversation with my Black son: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/17/opinion/a-conversation-with-my-black-son.html?smid=fb-share& r=1

Understanding racism by examining specific incidents:
• http://interrogatingmedia.com/2015/07/10/why-i-no-longer-eat-watermelon-or-how-a-racist-email-caused-me-to-leave-graduate-school/
• http://drjsapio.com/2015/06/black-faces-in-white-spaces-addressing-the-invisible-whites-only-sign/
• http://empathyeducates.org/Journeys-to-and-through/when-gelato-gets-racial-or-a-little-girl-hears-the-n-word-for-the-first-time/

From slavery to mass incarceration: http://www.eji.org/node/1115

50 Years After Selma: Interview with Congressman John Lewis: http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2015/02/24/capital-download-john-lewis-selma-50th-anniversary/23935047/

Selma: The Bridge to Ballot: http://www.tolerance.org/selma-bridge-to-ballot

Louisville’s Ferguson: http://newblackman.blogspot.com/2014/12/louisvilles-ferguson-moment.html

Series of excellent TED talks about race: https://www.ted.com/playlists/230/10_great_talks_to_celebrate_bl

Considering Colorblindness:
• Colorblind or Color Brave (TED Talk): http://www.ted.com/talks/mellody_hobson_color_blind_or_color_brave
• Fallacies of claiming colorblindness: http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/02/colorblindness-adds-to-racism/


Professor Michael Dumas talking about race: https://vialogues.com/vialogues/play/9945/
Exploring why it’s difficult to talk about race:

Communities lost to racism:
[http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/banished/places.html](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/banished/places.html)

Understanding why we are not post-racial:

Toni Morrison Interview: Racism and her novel, *God Help the Child*.

TED Talks About Race by Black Women:

Debunking “Acting White”:

Racial inequity and the criminal justice system:
[http://brokenonallsides.com](http://brokenonallsides.com)

When the Levees Broke (HBO, Spike Lee):

True Colors
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyL5EcAwB9c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyL5EcAwB9c)
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOS3BBmUxvs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOS3BBmUxvs)

Jane Elliott: Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes experiment: *A Class Divided*:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0qKDiq1fNw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0qKDiq1fNw)
- The Angry Eye; [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZKWhnSb5k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZKWhnSb5k)
- Interview with Jane Elliott (PBS): [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/divided/etc/crusade.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/divided/etc/crusade.html)
- Jane Elliott on Oprah: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmOoevyiA4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmOoevyiA4I)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcYeFAMoQAk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcYeFAMoQAk)
- Where are they today?: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NHeFgaVWs8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NHeFgaVWs8)
40 Years Later: Now Can We Talk?  

Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation:  
https://www.raceforward.org/about


Hunger Games: http://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/white-until-proven-black-imagining-race-in-hunger-games

Reading only nonwhite authors for a year:  
http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/feb/20/i-only-read-non-white-authors-for-12-months-what-i-learned-surprised-me

A few examples of Race Talk around the world:  
http://www.thestepfordstudent.co.uk/australia-needs-to-wake-up-to-its-culture-of-racism/

Discussing Whiteness

Michael Eric Dyson and Peggy McIntosh talk about Whiteness:  

Understanding White privilege:

- https://mfaconfessions.wordpress.com/2015/07/24/i-am-a-native-american-woman-with-white-privilege/
- http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/24/opinion/research-shows-white-privilege-is-real.html?smid=fb-share&r=1
- https://squareup.com/market/the-american-dream-game

Recognizing where Whiteness dominates:

- http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/04/24/i-only-read-books-by-minority-authors-for-a-year-it-showed-me-just-how-white-our-reading-world-is/?postshare=8561429897395852

Professor Frances Welsing on race and Whiteness:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDCk4s0Cof4  
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Cress_Welsing

The importance of carrying the conversation about race forward:
Dear White friends:

What does it mean to be White?

Learning to be White;

Thinking about why it is difficult for White people to talk about racism:

Taking Steps Toward Change

Advice for White allies:

Disrupting patterns of racism: Steps we can take:

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• http://www.sdcitybeat.com/sandiego/article-14399-how-to-be-an-interrupter.html
• http://www.tolerance.org/supplement/strategies-reducing-racial-and-ethnic-prejudice-essential-pr
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1PIzwVtzvA
• http://www.mashupamericans.com/issues/be-less-racist-12-tips-for-white-dudes-by-a-white-dude/
• www.thefrisky.com/2014-06-12/18-things-white-people-should-know-do-before-discussing-racism/?fb_action_ids=675176829215107&fb_action_types=og.likes
• http://www.philnel.com/2015/06/22/whiteresponsibility/
• http://www.salon.com/2015/04/29/dear_white_facebook_friends_i_need_you_to_respect_what_black_america_is_feeling_right_now/