

Resources for Teaching Young Children About Race and Racism

Resources for Adults

These resources provide background information on race, racism, and bias and are intended to provide additional background for teachers:

1. This CNN Special from 2012 takes a look at race relations, through the lens of young children

[A Look at Race Relations through a Child's Eyes](#)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- What are your reflections/thoughts about the perceptions of these young children about race?
- What can we do to teach, model and reinforce healthy attitudes about race with our children/students?

2. This video revisits “The Doll Study” which was originally performed by African American psychologists in the 1940’s and used in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case. This study was reported 80 years later, with similar results.

[Parents React To The Child Race Doll Test!!!](#)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- What are 1-2 key learnings you gained from this video?
- What are some of the intentional practices you can implement in your parenting to help your children have healthy attitudes about themselves, as well as about those who are different?

3. How To Talk to Your Child About Race

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbeSJDx6ykU>

Resources for Children

Dr. Maya Angelou said.....

“It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.”

Below is a list of resources that can be used to engage young children in discussions of race and racism. These include picture books, with online read alouds, and discussion questions that can be used, after reading, as well as videos that address the topic in kid friendly ways.

1. [Let The Children March](#)

After Reading Discussion Questions:

- What was it like for black children in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963?
- Why did the children in this story decide to march?
- Do you think children should be allowed to protest? Why/why not?

2. [The Other Side By Jaqueline Woodson](#)

After Reading Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think this book was titled, The Other Side?
- What does the author of this story want us to know about segregation?
- Is the girls’ point of view the same as their mothers? How do you know?

3. [Same Difference \(A Children's Book Story by Calida Rawles\) - Official Video](#)

After Reading Discussion Questions:

- Identify a family member or friend and complete a Venn Diagram comparing and contrasting the ways that you are similar and different.
- What can we do to get to know people that are different from us? Why is it important?

4. [Talking Race with Young Kids, Read This Book Together: Accept and Value Each Person | Read Aloud](#)
After Reading Discussion Questions:
 - What was the theme or central message in this text?
 - What are 3 things you can do, starting today, to show that you value others, even those that are different than you?
5. [Chocolate Me! | Read Aloud Story Time | Shon's Stories](#)
After Reading Discussion Questions:
 - How do the feelings of the boy in the story change from the beginning to the end? Why?
 - What do you think the author of this book wanted the readers to know? Explain.
6. Read Aloud: [Mama, Did You Hear the News?](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPdVtHzakQ&feature=youtu.be>
After Reading Discussion Questions:
 - What was the news that upset the little boy in this story?
 - What are some of the thoughts or feelings you had while listening to this read aloud?
7. [Animation Series: Something Happened In Our Town \(#AtlantisBuild\)](#)
After Reading Discussion Questions:
 - What is an example of an unfair thing that you have seen happen to someone you know?
 - When you see unfair things happening to others what are some things you can do?
8. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZXnMS6r_h0&list=PLJMhRcr10uVs-Dxp41ZaplZYflfw7St&index=30
After Reading Discussion Questions:
 - What things have people done to make you feel welcome, when you were in a new place?
 - What can you do to make others feel welcome?
9. [Children Just Like Me](#) (Video)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZXnMS6r_h0&list=PLJMhRcr10uVs-Dxp41ZaplZYflfw7St&index=30
10. Read Aloud: [Whoever You Are](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbeSJDx6ykU&list=PLJMhRcr10uVs-Dxp41ZaplZYflfw7St&index=9>
After Reading Discussion Questions:
 - What is the theme or message of this book?
 - Why is this message important to you?

Child-Friendly Videos that Discuss Race, Racism, and Change

1. [Racism is Wrong! Watch this educational video for children on racism \(Elementary Schools Bullying\)](#)
2. [How To Change The World \(a work in progress\) | Kid President](#)