



How Race Relations  
Shaped Morris County  
and New Jersey  
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## Thought Questions and Further Reading

**These questions can encourage examination of your perspective and beliefs as you explore issues and themes raised in this exhibition.**

- How do you recognize an injustice? Where do you get the courage to stand against that injustice?
- When offering help, do you lift from above or push up from below? How could each be perceived by the person receiving help?
- What aspects of your religious faith influence your views about race? Does your understanding of race impact your view of religion and faith?
- What is the relationship between changing legal policy and changing hearts and minds more organically?
- What is it about your community that keeps you living there?
- How do you create a welcoming space in your community? In what places are you not welcome? What does “welcome” mean to you/your community?
- What is the motivation behind words and deeds? Is it selfish, in service to a higher power, or really for the overall good of society?

**These books may encourage a deeper dive into some of the exhibition topics.**

American Apartheid by Douglas S. Massey and Nancy A. Denton

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Between Slavery and Freedom: Free People of Color in America from Settlement to the Civil War by Julie Winch

Black Women’s Christian Activism: Seeking Social Justice in a Northern Suburb by Betty Livingston Adams

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

Freedom’s Prophet: Bishop Richard Allen, the AME Church, and the Black Founding Fathers by Richard S. Newman

The Mis-Education of the Negro by Carter Woodson

Out of the Briars: An Autobiography of the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment Connecticut Volunteers by A. H. Newton

The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey, 1775-1865 by James Gigantino II

Setting Up Our Own City: The Black Community in Morristown, An Oral History Project by Cheryl C. Turkington and Helen Conover Baker

Slavery and Freedom in the Rural North: African Americans in Monmouth County, NJ 1665-1865 by Graham Russell Hodges

Suburban Erasure: How the Suburbs Ended the Civil Rights Movement in New Jersey by Walter D. Greason

Waking Up White by Debby Irving. The author’s website also has an extensive list of books:  
<http://www.debbyirving.com/books-2/>