BOOK LIST FROM PHILLIP EASTON, RETIRED TEACHER – NOVEMBER 2019

Books with a Focus on Civil Rights and Post-Civil Rights History

A People’s History of the United States (Abridged Teaching Version)
Howard Zinn 2017

A Young People’s History of the United States
Howard Zinn 2007

Between the World and Me
Ta-Nehisi Coates 2015

Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America
Tricia Rose 1994

Brainwashed: Challenging the Myth of Black Inferiority
Tom Burrell 2010

Breathe: A Letter to My Sons
Imani Perry 2019

Cultural Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know
E. D. Hirsch, Jr., Joseph F. Kett, and James Trefil 2002

Creating Black Americans: African-American History and Its Meanings, 1619 to the Present
Nell Irvin Painter 2006

Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul
Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. 2016

From Amistad to the White House: “Teachable Moments” from 1839 to Within My Lifetime
Kay Harris 2016

In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America
Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. 2007

More Beautiful and More Terrible: The Embrace and Transcendence of Racial Inequality in the United States
Imani Perry 2011

Soul: Black Power, Politics, and Pleasure
Monique Guillery and Richard C. Green 1997
Strength to Love
Martin Luther King, Jr. 2010

Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom
Bell Hooks (bell hooks) 1994

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America
Michael Eric Dyson 2017

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America
Richard Rothstein 2017

The Fire Next Time
James Baldwin 1995

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness
Michelle Alexander 2020

We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy
Ta-Nehisi Coates 2017

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir
Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele 2018

White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism
Robin DiAngelo 2018

Additional Resources

African Americans and Colonial Legislation in the Middle Colonies
Oscar Williams 1998

Black New Jersey: 1664 to the Present Day
Graham Russell Gao Hodges 2019

Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery
Anne Farrow, Joel Lang, and Jenifer Frank 2006

Complicated Lives: Free Blacks in Virginia, 1619-1865
Sherri L. Burr 2019
Sankofa Collaborative  
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Dreams of Africa in Alabama: The Slave Ship Clotilda and the Story of the Last Africans Brought to America  
Sylvianne A. Diouf 2007

Every Tone A Testimony: An African American Aural History  
Smithsonian Folkways Recording 2001

In Hope of Liberty: Culture, Community and Protest Among Northern Free Blacks, 1700-1860  
James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton 1997

I've Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi Freedom Struggle  
Charles M. Payne 1995

Lives Bound Together: Slavery at George Washington’s Mount Vernon  
Edited by Susan P. Schoelwer 2016

Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America  
Ira Berlin 1998

Outcast: A Story of Slavery in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey  
Stephanie B. Stevens 2003

Root & Branch: African Americans in New York & East Jersey, 1613-1863  
Graham Russell Hodges 1999

Scarlet and Black, Volume 1: Slavery and Dispossession in Rutgers History  
Edited by Marisa J. Fuentes and Deborah Gray White 2016

Slavery and the Making of America  
James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton 2005

Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II  
Douglas A. Blackmon 2008

Slavery in Philadelphia: A History of Resistance, Denial and Wealth  
Phillip Seitz 2014

Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America  
Ibram X. Kendi 2016

Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North  
Thomas J. Sugrue 2008
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The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family
Annette Gordon-Reed 2008

The History of White People
Nell Irvin Painter 2010

Jack Washington 2005

The Quest for Equality: Trenton’s Black Community: 1890-1965
Jack Washington 1993

The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey, 1775-1865
James J. Gigantino II 2015

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration
Isabel Wilkerson 2010

“Those Who Labor for My Happiness”: Slavery at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello
Lucia Stanton 2012

Underground Railroad in New York and New Jersey
William J. Switala 2006

Understanding and Teaching American Slavery
Bethany Jay and Cynthia Lynn Lyerly, editors 2016

Virginia 1619: Slavery and Freedom in the Making of English America
Edited by Paul Musselwhite, Peter C. Mancall, and James Horn 2019