#16 Talking About Blackness in America

## Developing Common Language:

- **Race and Racism**
  (Intergroup Resources)
- "Black in America: It’s Not Just About the Color of Your Skin"
  Author: Moni Basu (CNN “In America” series)

## Quick Reads to Get You Started:

- "Henry Louis Gates Jr.: Restoring Black History"
- "10 Things You Can Do To Help Black Lives Matter End Police Violence"
  Author: Lincoln Blades (teenVOGUE)
- "Black Identity and America’s Lingering Racism"
  Author: Gail Bambrick
- "Being African American & LGBTQ: An Introduction"
  (Human Rights Campaign)
- "It’s the Blackness that scares everybody: Why white people favor ‘African-Americans’"
  Author: Brittney Cooper (Salon)
- "I’m Black but I’m Uncomfortable Around Black People" (Use of controversial language)
  Author: Danielle Small (Salon)
- "The Problem"
  (Campaign Zero)
- "The Top 4 Myths About the Black Lives Matter Movement – Debunked"
  Author: Franchesca Ramsey (Everyday Feminism)
- "Melissa Harris-Perry on Expanding the Definition of Blackness"
  Author: Damon L. Jacobs (Plus)
- "Ta-Nehisi Coates and a Generation Waking Up"
  Author: Brit Bennett (The New Yorker)
- "21 Racial Microaggressions You Hear On A Daily Basis"
  Author: Heben Nigatu (BuzzFeed)
Educational Videos to Stimulate Your Mind:

- "#RaceAnd: Lady Dane Figueroa Edidi" (4:18) (Race Forward)
- "It Got Better Featuring Janet Mock" (8:36) (Janet Mock) (L/Studio)
- "We Need to Talk About an Injustice" (23:41) (Bryan Stevenson)
- "Why Are We Still Talking About Racism?" (4:30) (AJ+)
- "Being Black in America" (3:59) (dylan t.)

Organizations to Support:

- Trans Women of Color Collective
- The Movement for Black Lives
- Campaign Zero
- Create Her Stock
- Free Black Dirt
- Because of Them We Can

Educational Downloadables to Decorate Your Space:

- "15 Inspirational Quotes to Commemorate Black History Month" (PopSugar)
- Queer Youth of Color (Trans Student Educational Resources)
- A Vision for Black Lives (The Movement for Black Lives)

Awesome Sources to Stay Engaged in the Topic:

- National Black Justice Coalition
- Black Girl Dangerous Twitter: BGD
- Race Forward
- Colorlines

Tips for Allies:

- "12 Ways to be an Ally to Black People"
  Author: Janée Woods (The Root)
- "5 Initial Ways You Can be a Better Ally to People of Color"
  Author: SaVonne Anderson (Mashable)
- "So You Call Yourself an Ally: 10 Things All ‘Allies’ Need to Know"
  Author: Jamie Utt (Everyday Feminism)

Tools for Allies:

- Racial Equity Tools Glossary (Racial Equity Tools)
- "Your Guide On How to Support Black People After Incidents of Police Violence"
  Author: Alan Pelaez Lopez (Everyday Feminism)
- "Healing from the Effects of Internalized Oppression" (Community Tool Box)
- "A History of Racial Injustice Timeline" (Equal Justice Initiative)
- Examples of Racial Microaggressions (University of Minnesota)
- "What is Systemic Racism?" video series (Race Forward)
- "Black Millennials Library" (Black Millennials)