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This piece explores fears of black middle school students. Really powerful, eye-opening read for teens & parents, and this definitely promotes, invokes importance of empathy.

[Syllabus: Talking to Kids about Racism](#)

This resource provides information on talking with children & teens about racism, suggesting a move beyond a focus on individual racial prejudice to systemic bias.

[A Little White Girl's First Experience of Racism](#)

An essay which uses narrative to explore themes of racism and inequality.

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[When You're the Only White Person in the Room](#) - Blake, John

Here's a REALLY good one, recently released. Strong, yet opens dialogue instead of closing it.

[What Side of History Are You On?](#) - Rimington, Jess

This recent piece is worth the read and has a lot in it to at least consider.

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[Black Feminism and Intersectionality](#) - Smith, Sharon

A great, GREAT essay that is readable, and packed with facts.

[The Case For Reparations](#) - Coates, Ta-Nehisi

From a senior writer at *The Atlantic*, this is a long essay and was shared hundreds of thousands of times. It may be the best essay on race thus far in the 21st century. It is worth every minute.

[The Intercultural Development Inventory](#) - Hammer, Mitchell R

An academic description of intercultural competency, which includes ideas about where you might be and where our culture is.

[Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#) - McIntosh, Peggy

A seminal essay in the study of race and whiteness. It's pretty readable and very thought provoking.

[The Arc of the Universe is Long: Unitarian Universalists, Anti-Racism and the Journey from Calgary](#) - Morris, Leslie Takahashi, Chip Roush and Leon Spencer

A lengthy look at the history of racism and justice in our Unitarian Universalist Association

[The Erasing of Women & Their Athletic Achievements](#) - Alexander, Valerie

While it's "about" the Women's & Men's World Cups, this essay truly calls us to examine our language and broaden our perspectives.

Books

[The Selma Awakening: How the Civil Rights Movement Tested and Changed Unitarian Universalism](#) - Morrison-Reed, Mark D

From a UU minister and historian, a new book on the story of UU involvement in the Civil Rights movement and our more recent history

[Faith Without Certainty: Liberal Theology in the 21st Century](#) - Rasor, Paul

By a UU theologian, includes an analysis of race and justice

[Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life](#) - Rosenberg, Marshall B.:

[A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America](#) - Takaki, Ronald

An excellent history of the stories of different immigrants to this country

[Learning to Be White: Money, Race and God in America](#) - Thandeka

From a UU theologian, a theological and social analysis of how race has developed and is embedded in economics and religion