WHERE TO GET STARTED

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE offers excellent resources for teachers:

- The National Museum of African American History and Culture Center for Teaching and Learning @ NMAAHC
- Talk about Race
- Talking about Race - Being Antiracist

About Lonnie G. Bunch III
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"It Is Time for America to Confront Its Tortured Racial Past"
Lonnie G. Bunch III, May 31, 2020, Smithsonian Magazine
Find other articles by Mr. Bunch HERE.

Many Lenses:
"Perspective-taking is considered one of the hallmarks of an emotionally well-developed person. It is one of the skills that we seek to cultivate in young people when we encourage them to reflect on how others are thinking and feeling."
Source: NMAAHC - Many Lenses
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Race
- Race Deeper than Our Skins - from the American Library Association.
  This website has a reading list, discussion questions, promotional materials, tips for running
  book clubs with young adults, and other resources on racial healing.
- Seeing White - 14-part podcast series from "Scene on Radio"/ Center for Documentary Studies (CDS) at Duke University
- Sesame Street Townhall on Racism - Sesame Street characters answer questions from kids
  and parents on how to talk about racism

Bias
- Social and Cultural Literacy Lesson Plans - Common Sense Education
  has put together this list of lesson plans designed for the classroom to facilitate conversations
  around cultural and social literacy, race, prejudice, and civic engagement.
- 8 Ways Teachers Can Address White Supremacy in the Classroom - Common Sense Education
- Verna Myers' TED Talk: "How to Overcome our Biases: Walk Boldly Toward Them"

Community-Police
- Relations "How Police are Held Accountable in the U.S." - ShareAmerica article
- PBS: Interactive Lesson Plan on Police Reform in America - This lesson plan from Public
  Broadcasting Service Education uses Newark, NJ as an example to explore community-
  police relations and understand police reforms that have been proposed and implemented to
  improve the city.

Last but not least:
The 1619 Project is an ongoing initiative from The New York Times Magazine that began in August
2019, the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. It aims to reframe the country’s
history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the
very center of our national narrative.

"Teaching and learning happen within cultural, political, and social circumstances.
As much as we want to deny it, we all have biases based on our life experiences.
Each of us -- teachers and students alike - enter classrooms from different perspectives and
points of view. We must learn to negotiate those differences to better understand each other
and our worlds, and to advocate for a better, more equitable future."
Source: Common Sense Education