

The Civil Rights Teams at Maranacook Community Middle and High Schools stand together with our staff, students, families, and nation, against racism, inequality, and injustice against our black and brown community members. During these difficult times, we recognize the feelings of sadness and anger that people have as a result of George Floyd's death and the many other black and brown lives that have been lost to police brutality. The Civil Rights Teams at Maranacook are committed to educating our school communities about bias and how that can lead to racism and systemic oppression. The work of the Civil Rights Teams strives to create safe, supportive learning environments for all students regardless of their race/skin color, religion, mental/physical disabilities, gender (including gender identity/expression), sexual orientation, or national origin/ancestry. Our hearts are hurting but our school community can stand together because hate has no place here.



To better understand the relationships between communities of color and law enforcement, we recommend the following:

- *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates (memoir)
- *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas (YA fiction or the film)
- *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander (nonfiction)

- *Whose Streets?* (documentary film)

To better understand broader issues of race and racism, we recommend the following:

- 1619 Project, *NY Times* ([multimedia](#) and [podcast](#))
- *Eloquent Rage*, by Brittney Cooper (nonfiction/essays)
- *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, by Ibram X. Kendi (nonfiction/memoir)
- [School Library Journal keynote conversation](#) with Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (video)
- *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo (nonfiction)

All Age Levels:

- [Anti-Defamation League: George Floyd, Racism, and Law Enforcement](#) (conversation guide)
- [Teaching Tolerance](#) (website with multiple resources)

Elementary Level:

- [embracerace](#) (website with multiple resources)

Middle Level:

- [Race Conversation for Black, White Families Is Worlds Apart](#) (video from ABC News, 10:59)
- [A Conversation about Growing Up Black](#) (video, 5:21)

High School Level:

- [Black Parents Explain How to Deal with the Police](#) (video, 5:30)
- [A Conversation with My Black Son](#) (video, 5:15)
- [How to Raise a Black Son in America](#) (video, 5:13)