Resources on Race and Slavery in Rhode Island and the United States

Resources on Race

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


Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Spiegel & Grau, 2015.

You Can’t Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain by Phoebe Robinson. Plume, 2016.


Books, essays or interviews by/with James Baldwin. Baldwin was a culture critic and novelist. The new documentary on the life and writing of James Baldwin, I am Not Your Negro, is an excellent conversation starter.

Race: The Power of an Illusion. California Newsreel, c2003. 3-part DVD series of 56-minutes each. PBS. A great 3-episode series to present to groups. The CFR has materials available to make it easy to present.

Podcasts

• NPR’s Code Switch – a blog and podcast on the intersections of race, politics and culture
• Anther Round with Heaven and Tracey – a Buzzfeed pop culture and race podcast
• Our National Conversation about Conversations About Race – roundtable podcast on race & culture
• Historically Black – collaboration between the Washington Post and the National Museum of African American History and Culture

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Resources on America’s history and legacy of slavery


*The Slave Ship: A Human History* by Marcus Rediker. Penguin, 2008. A detailed study based on primary resources on American and British slave ships. Captains, mates, surgeons, cooks, seamen, the kidnapped and the enslaved; merchants, insurers, bankers, ship-builders and ship design, sharks, ship discipline, and more ... An important window into the times and culture we have inherited.

*The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism* by Edward E. Baptist. Basic Books, 2014. Based on primary resources, American slavery is examined through the lens of business and politics. Reading this book to its conclusion leads the reader to understand the centrality of systemic and pervasive slavery as a basis for colonial and early American economic development.


*Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database.* Provides access to the detailed information of almost 36,000 slaving voyages involving 10 million of the 12.5 million Africans who were forcibly loaded on ships and brought to Brazil, the Caribbean and North America. The buying and selling of people was a business and required careful record-keeping. [http://www.slavevoyages.org/](http://www.slavevoyages.org/)

*The Slave Rebellion Web Site.* Chronological list of slave actions, including rebellions in the United States, from John Brown at Harper’s Ferry to the 300 slaves who rebelled in Massachusetts, documenting motivations, leadership, location, year. The website also provides, photos, videos and other documentation. [http://slaverebellion.org/index.php?page=chronology](http://slaverebellion.org/index.php?page=chronology)


Open Yale Courses – full college level courses on race, slavery and Reconstruction that were recorded, transcribed and made available online for free by Yale University. [http://oyc.yale.edu/history/hist-119](http://oyc.yale.edu/history/hist-119)

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