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Hello! This is a compilation of resources gathered to inform, inspire, and empower us all to work towards creating lasting change in our immediate communities and nationally. As a community, we need to use our economic and social privilege that comes with living in the accepting, affluent city of Santa Barbara to help and fight for change in communities less fortunate. Be the change you want to see and advocate for what's right. It starts with us. Fight for what's right.

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EDUCATION/BECOMING INFORMED :

The first step towards becoming a valuable ally and creating lasting change socially and politically is understanding the struggle of African Americans in this country and the history behind this generational oppression. It is perfectly normal to feel uncomfortable, confused, etc. in reading or watching any of these resources. Do not feel ashamed for educating yourself. Instead, take pride and relief in the fact that you are pushing yourself to understand and form empathy for the people affected by the truths reflected in these works. Continue to work past these initial feelings in the continuance of your education and remember, African Americans do not have the obligation to educate you - it's time to educate ourselves!



IMPORTANT TERMS: Understanding racism is also understanding the structures in which racism exists. As author Scott Woods exclaims, “racism is a complex system of social and political levers... Yes, racism looks like hate, but hate is just one manifestation. Privilege is another. Access is another. Ignorance is another. Apathy is another. And so on.. It remains a powerful system that we’re immediately born into.” **So, to understand it better, take some time to learn important terms!**

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>

BOOKS:

We believe one of the best ways to learn about the struggles of African Americans both today and in the past is to read. We encourage you to read the news, but we have also listed books that have been recommended by other activists. **Take some time to read and learn over the summer!**

- ★ Why I’m No Longer Talking to White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge
- ★ The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- ★ How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
- ★ Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
 - (movie adaptation of this as well, stars Michael B. Jordan)
- ★ Mindful of Race by Ruth King
- ★ I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
- ★ White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
- ★ So you want to talk about race by Ijeoma Oluo
- ★ Any texts written by African Americans about African Americans
 - Toni Morrison -- The Bluest Eye, Beloved, etc.
 - Colson Whitehead -- The Underground Railroad, etc.

MOVIES/DOCUMENTARIES: You can learn through visuals too! Even if some of these may be “fiction,” they root themselves in the REALITY of injustice. Again, it’s okay to feel uncomfortable. That is part of the process. Do not shy away from the discomfort.

Note: You can find where to stream/buy/rent these films here: <https://www.justwatch.com/>
<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/10-black-history-documentaries-to-watch/>

- A listing of informative Black history documentaries
- ★ 13th
 - Netflix documentary on the criminalization of African Americans in America
 - Related -> 13th: A Conversation with Oprah Winfrey and Ava DuVernay
- ★ When They See Us
 - Based on the true story of 5 teens falsely accused of a brutal attack in NYC
- ★ The Hate U Give



- The story of a young African American girl who fights against police brutality after her lifelong friend was shot in front of her by a policeman.
- ★ Time: The Kalief Browder Story
 - Traces the tragic case of Kalief Browder, a Bronx teen who spent three years in jail despite never being convicted of a crime
- ★ Becoming
 - Michelle Obama's story
- ★ Selma
 - The fight for suffrage/equality in Alabama. More about history rather than present day, but still equally important to watch.
- ★ Patriot Act
 - Political comedy series on Netflix-- not directly affiliated with BLM, but still important in terms of global news, politics, and culture
- ★ Hello, Privilege. It's me, Chelsea.
 - Netflix documentary on the effects of white privilege on American culture.

INFO ON THE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE ROOT OF THE MOVEMENT:

- ★ <https://blacklivesmatter.com/>
 - BLM website-- amazing perspectives, voices, causes, resources, etc.
- ★ <https://www.naacpldf.org/naacp-mission/>
 - Read about the NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- ★ <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement>
 - Read about the Civil Rights Movement
- ★ <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/black-panther-party/>
 - Read about the Black Panther Party

IMPORTANT PERSPECTIVES:

- ★ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA5X31igzCL/>
 - 44th President of the United States
- ★ <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CAyFNaJbyL/?hl=en>
 - Trevor Noah
- ★ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CAx67xJHNqT/>
 - Chris Cuomo
- ★ <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CA38SAzhLhF/>
 - Christian A. Pierce on relating outward activism to indulging in black culture.



- ★ <https://www.theatlantic.com/culture/archive/2020/06/riots-are-american-way-george-floyd-protests/612466/>
 - A take on our country's history in relation to the nature and results of protests
- ★ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA3WYS2IN4B/>
 - Some FAQs on the BLM movement-- encircling "All Lives Matter", "ACAB", "Blue Lives Matter", etc.
- ★ <https://www.blackpast.org/>
 - An amazing resource to navigate at your own will, explores the many facets of African history in America and globally. Fosters the understanding of not only the Black experience in the United States through history, but movements, journals, speeches, people, places, etc.
 - <https://www.blackpast.org/special-features/racial-violence-united-states-1660/>
 - Racial violence in the United States

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

It starts with you! Raising awareness and expressing support is amazing and meaningful, now turn that passion towards making meaningful change in your communities and beyond. Just because you might not be old enough to vote does not mean you lack a voice. Every voice matters.

Ways That YOU Can Make a Difference:

SPREAD AWARENESS: We all have the luxury of being at a very prestigious school, and we also have free access to so many online resources and social media. Use your platforms and your privilege to spread awareness! And although it helps to post on social media, please make sure that your posts aren't just performative - It's time to put action behind words too. Remember: Retweeting and posting on Instagram stories is a good start, but we need both awareness + action!

Action > Posting > Silence



DONATION LINKS: If you are fiscally able, donations can go a long way in supporting the larger Black Lives Matter movement!

- ★ Black Lives Matter: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_blm_homepage_2019
 - The official #BlackLivesMatter Global Network builds power to bring justice, healing, and freedom to Black people across the globe.
 - <https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/>
 - Compilation of resources affiliated with the movement.
- ★ George Floyd's Memorial Fund: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd>
 - To the family of George Floyd
- ★ Black Visions Collective: <https://secure.everyaction.com/4omQDAR0oUiUagTu0EG-Ig2>
 - [Black Visions Collective](#) (BLVC) "believes in a future where all Black people have autonomy, safety is community-led, and we are in right relationship within our ecosystems"
- ★ Reclaim the Block: <https://secure.everyaction.com/zae4prEeKESHBy0MKXTIcQ2>
 - Works with communities and city council members in Minneapolis to redistribute money from the police department to other parts of the city's budget that "truly promote community health and safety."
- ★ NAACP Legal Defense Fund:
https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6857/p/salsa/donation/common/public/?donate_page_KEY=15780&ga=2.188564843.2126654292.1590958699-699057164.1590958699
 - Working to protect voting rights, reform our criminal justice system, achieve education equity, and ensure economic justice for all.
- ★ Campaign Zero:
<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=xiKaoD2g08hMucwSbRKMWkqekPGPbYQz9qYD37Qaric76XQHGXBK2rYYr2q5vy4HoLgG6G&country.x=US&locale.x=US>
 - [Campaign Zero](#) aims to end police brutality by providing the public and government officials with urgent, research-based policy solutions.
- ★ ACLU: <https://action.aclu.org/give/aclu-response-covid-19>
 - protect voting rights, demand that vulnerable people in prisons, jails and immigration detention centers be released, and fight to ensure reproductive health care remains open and accessible to all who need it. Now more than ever, we the people means all of us.
- ★ Minnesota Freedom Fund: <https://minnesotafreedomfund.org/donate>
 - Bail funds for protesters
- ★ Donate to Ahmaud Abery's family: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-maud>

ORGANIZATIONS TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH: There are companies and organizations closer to you than you think that you can join and help in their fight to create change!



- ★ <https://communityx.tech/>
 - CommunityX's creation was inspired by an instance of extreme police brutality and abuse of power in the founder's own family. It now serves as a platform and movement dedicated to inspiring and fostering community impact and activism on all fronts. Send an email expressing interest in helping to get involved!

REGISTER TO VOTE: Voting is a concrete way to bring on change! Your local government and elected officials influence your whole community, so educate yourself on your votes because they matter!

- ★ Voter registration/pre-registration: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/?ref=voteusa>
- ★ Educate yourself on your ballot: <https://votersedge.org/ca>
 - Research on your own too!

SIGN PETITIONS: If you think you don't have an impact, think again! When individuals take action together, true change can be achieved!

- ★ Compiled doc:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-0KC83vYfVQ-2freQveH43PWxuab2uWDEGolzrNoIks/preview?pru=AAABcpX6W9k*rQxvvEeTpChESanZiFhK_w
 - Includes long list of donation links, petitions, and more
- ★ Color of Change <https://colorofchange.org/>
 - Demands that all officers involved with George Floyd are charged with murder
- ★ Justice for George: <https://www.change.org/p/mayor-jacob-frey-justice-for-george-floyd>
 - We are trying to reach the attention of Mayor Jacob Frey and DA Mike Freeman to beg to have the officers involved in this disgusting situation fired and for charges to be filed immediately.
- ★ Justice for Breonna Taylor:
https://www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor?utm_content=cl_share_copy_22077589_en-US%3Av3&recruiter=367523516&recruited_by_id=f20db120-4b3d-11e5-8536-676e99fe8c5a&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=psf_combo_sha