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## Information

### What is it?

The CMA Digital Library (CDL) is an online resource created and maintained by our staff that pertains to social justice issues related to race and ethnicity. This library includes news articles, academic articles, books, podcasts, videos, and other forms of digital media.

### Who is it for?

The CDL is primarily for students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Michigan University (EMU), as some of our resources do require an EMU NetID login. Although, people who are not part of the EMU community cannot access all of the resources here, we still encourage people to use this page as a starting point to help them find resources.

## Why does this exist?

The phrase “Google is free” is often said in social justice circles when we talk about people educating themselves, yet that could be problematic as it may be difficult to recognize which is a reliable source. This library exists as tool for those who have questions about movements such as the Black Lives Matter, or any other question pertaining to social justice issues related to race and ethnicity and want reliable information.

## Contact us!

We would love to hear any questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, or other feedback you have for the CDL. The CDL is ever growing and we would love to hear community suggestions for what should be included. We strive to be non-biased in our resources as long as it comes from a reliable source, so if you feel that we are missing important voices, let us know! Please send us an email at [cma\\_dci@emich.edu](mailto:cma_dci@emich.edu) and mention “CDL” in the subject line so that we can make sure to read it and respond.

## Podcasts

### **Pod Save America** “Mr. President, Don’t You Mean The Opposite?”



**Listen here:** <https://goo.gl/Wqauji>

**Runtime:** 01:18:29

**From Crooked Media:**

Trump gets rave reviews for not being senile in a meeting, Bannon goes down in flames, and Oprah makes everyone lose their minds. Dr. Catherine Thorlieffson joins Jon, Jon, and Tommy on stage in Oslo, Norway to talk about the rise of right-wing extremism, and Jan Stromnes of Halden Prison discusses criminal justice reform.

**Reason for inclusion:** Discussion of criminal justice reform

## This American Life: “The Problem We All Live With - Part One”



Listen here: <https://goo.gl/wXwtoA>

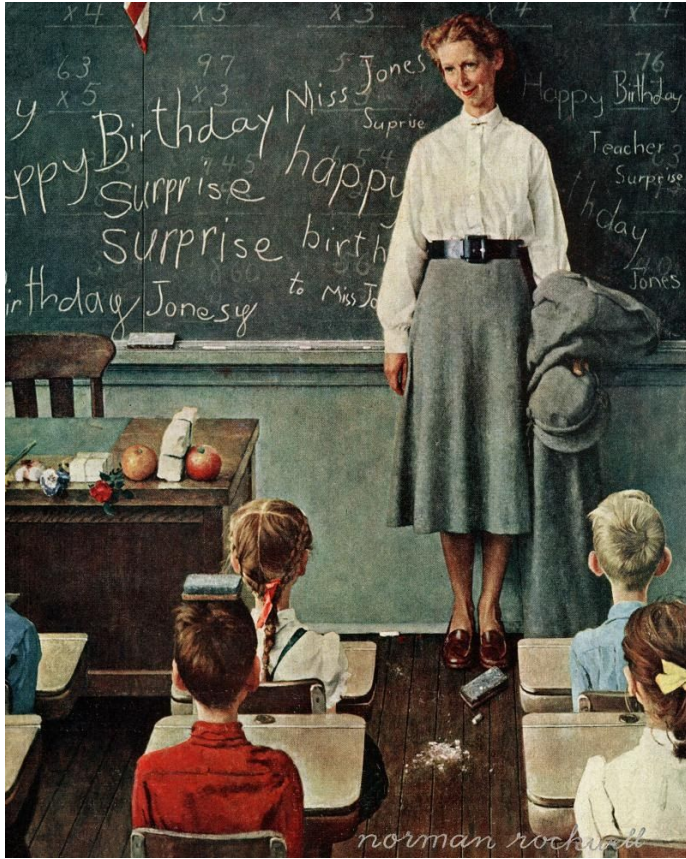
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### From This American Life:

Right now, all sorts of people are trying to rethink and reinvent education, to get poor minority kids performing as well as white kids. But there's one thing nobody tries anymore, despite lots of evidence that it works: desegregation. Nikole Hannah-Jones looks at a district that, not long ago, accidentally launched a desegregation program.

**Reason for inclusion:** School desegregation

## This American Life: "The Problem We All Live With - Part Two"



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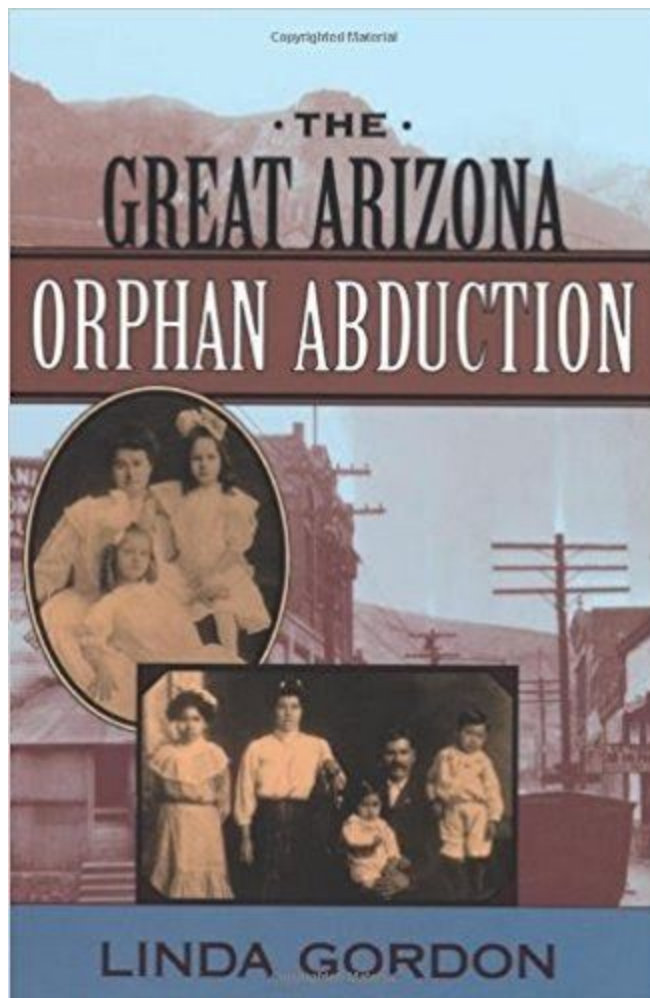
**From This American Life:**

Last week we looked at a school district integrating by accident. This week: a city going all out to integrate its schools. Plus, a girl who comes up with her own one-woman integration plan.

**Reason for Inclusion:** School desegregation

# Books

## The Great Arizona Orphan Abduction by Linda Gordon



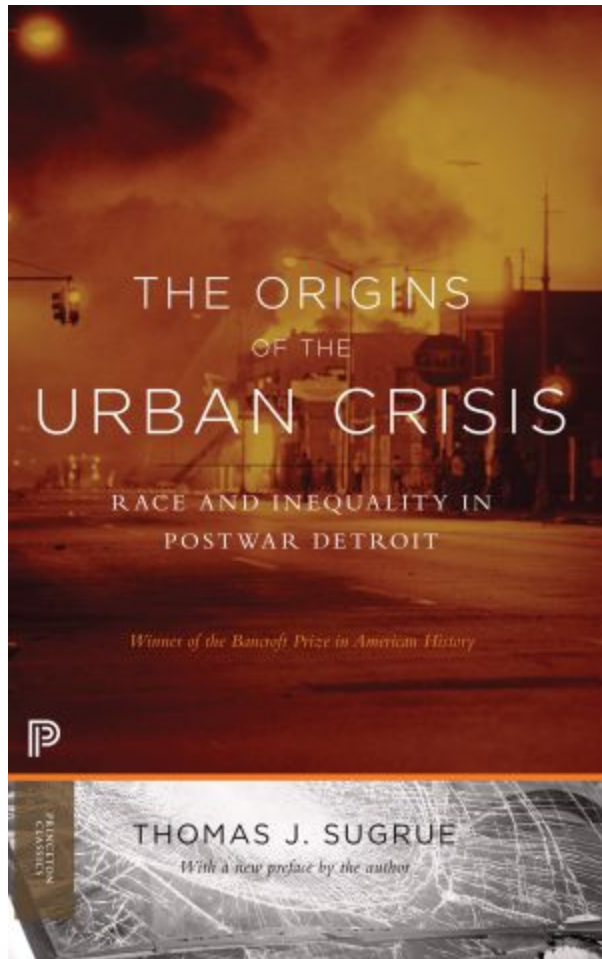
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### From Goodreads:

In 1904, New York nuns brought forty Irish orphans to a remote Arizona mining camp, to be placed with Catholic families. The Catholic families were Mexican, as was the majority of the population. Soon the town's Anglos, furious at this "interracial" transgression, formed a vigilante squad that kidnapped the children and nearly lynched the nuns and the local priest. The Catholic Church sued to get its wards back, but all the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, ruled in favor of the vigilantes.

**Reason for inclusion:** Gordon provides a historical example of institutionalized racism

## The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit by Thomas Sugrue



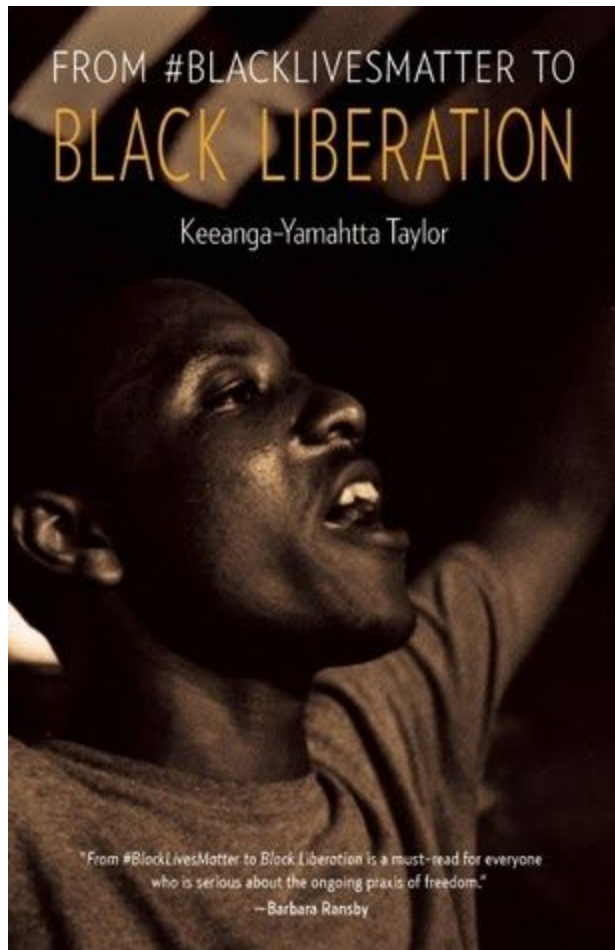
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### From Goodreads:

Once America's "arsenal of democracy," Detroit has become the symbol of the American urban crisis. In this reappraisal of America's dilemma of racial and economic inequality, Thomas Sugrue asks why Detroit and other industrial cities have become the sites of persistent racialized poverty.

**Reason for inclusion:** Sugrue provides historical examples of how institutional racism impacted the city of Detroit.

## From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor



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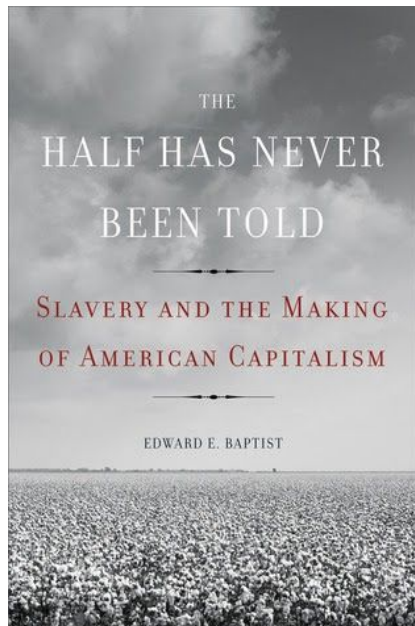
### **From Goodreads:**

In this stirring and insightful analysis, activist and scholar Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor surveys the historical and contemporary ravages of racism and persistence of structural inequality such as mass incarceration and Black unemployment. In this context, she argues that this new struggle against police violence holds the potential to reignite a broader push for Black liberation.

**Reason for inclusion:** Contemporary literature on Black Liberation.



# The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the making of American Capitalism by Edward E. Baptist



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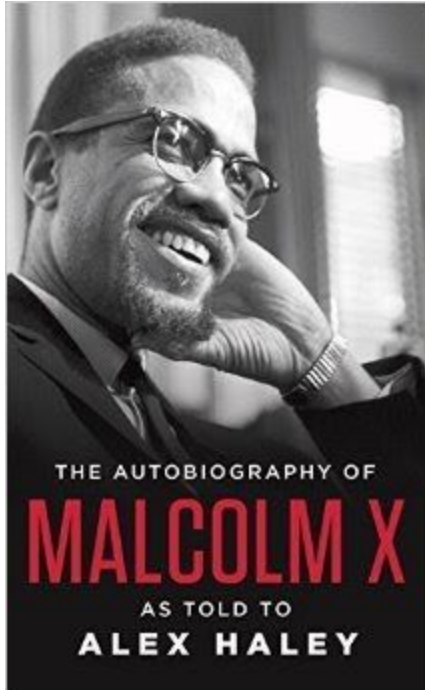
## **From Goodreads:**

Americans tend to cast slavery as a pre-modern institution—the nation’s original sin, perhaps, but isolated in time and divorced from America’s later success. But to do so robs the millions who suffered in bondage of their full legacy.

As historian Edward Baptist reveals in *The Half Has Never Been Told*, the expansion of slavery in the first eight decades after American independence drove the evolution and modernization of the United States. In the span of a single lifetime, the South grew from a narrow coastal strip of worn-out tobacco plantations to a continental cotton empire, and the United States grew into a modern, industrial, and capitalist economy. Until the Civil War, Baptist explains, the most important American economic innovations were ways to make slavery ever more profitable. Through forced migration and torture, slave owners extracted continual increases in efficiency from enslaved African Americans. Thus the United States seized control of the world market for cotton, the key raw material of the Industrial Revolution, and became a wealthy nation with global influence.

**Reason for inclusion:** This book explores the historical development of capitalism and how it relates to slavery.

## The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley & Malcolm X



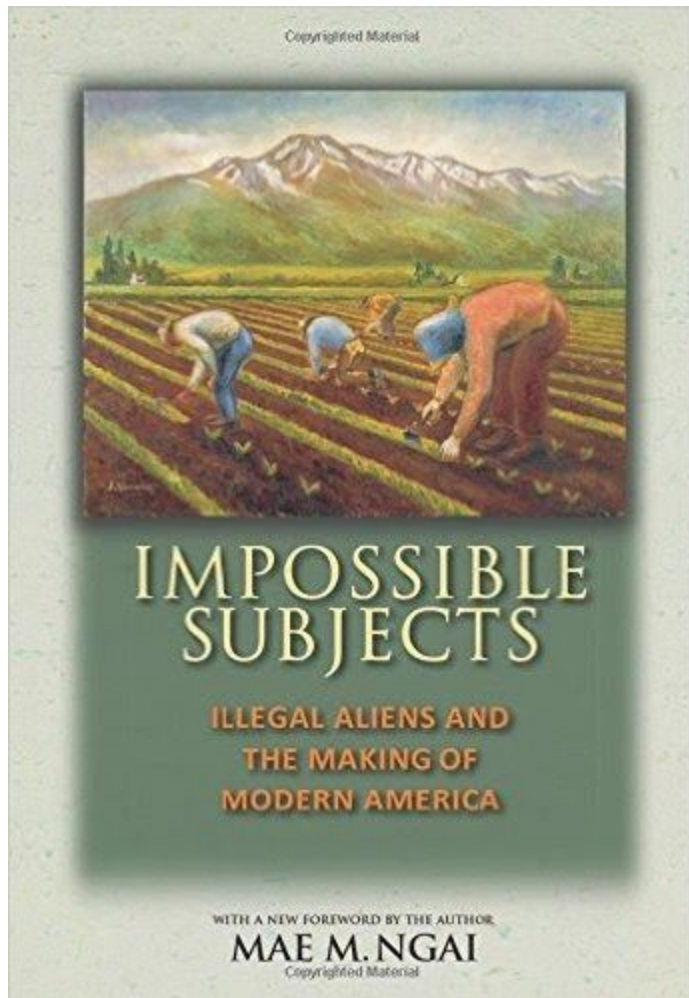
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### From Goodreads:

Through a life of passion and struggle, Malcolm X became one of the most influential figures of the 20th Century. In this riveting account, he tells of his journey from a prison cell to Mecca, describing his transition from hoodlum to Muslim minister. Here, the man who called himself "the angriest Black man in America" relates how his conversion to true Islam helped him confront his rage and recognize the brotherhood of all mankind.

**Reason for inclusion:** The autobiography of one of the most important figures in the Black Power movement who is often misconstrued in contemporary political discourse.

# Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the making of modern America by Mae M. Ngai



**Read through Halle Library (EMU NetID required):** <https://goo.gl/eT6Mk1>

## **From Goodreads:**

This book traces the origins of the "illegal alien" in American law and society, explaining why and how illegal migration became the central problem in U.S. immigration policy--a process that profoundly shaped ideas and practices about citizenship, race, and state authority in the twentieth century.

**Reason for inclusion:** A history of immigration policy and how it impacted the United States

## Magazine Articles

**Ta-Nehisi Coates is the neoliberal face of the black freedom struggle by Cornel West**

# The Guardian

**Read Here:**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/dec/17/ta-nehisi-coates-neoliberal-black-struggle-cornel-west>

**From The Guardian:**

The disagreement between Coates and me [West] is clear: his view of black America is narrow and dangerously misleading

**Reason for inclusion:** West offers a critique of Ta-Nehisi Coates's views on racism

## Black Lives Matter is Not a Hate Group by J. Richard Coen

# TIME

Read here: <https://goo.gl/4MvSb3>

**From Time:**

“In recent weeks, we’ve received a number of requests to name Black Lives Matter a hate group, particularly in the wake of the murders of eight police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge. Numerous conservative commentators have joined the chorus. There is even a Change.org petition calling for the hate group label.

In our view, these critics fundamentally misunderstand the nature of hate groups and the BLM movement.”

**Reason for inclusion:** Coen provides a rebuttal of people calling for Black Lives Matter to be labeled a hate group.

# Academic Articles

## **The Chinese Exclusion Example: Race, Immigration, and American Gatekeeping, 1882-1924 by Erika Lee**



**Read here:** <https://goo.gl/iCV72Y>

**Reason for Inclusion:** A good introduction on the first immigration law in the United States

## **Mexican Immigration to the United States by Kelly Lytle Hernandez**



**Read here:** <https://goo.gl/UVnn42>

**Reason for inclusion:** A good introduction on the history of Mexican immigration to the United States

## News Articles

### Stop pointing at Asian Americans to downplay racism at universities by Sophie Khan and Huixian Li



**Read here:** <https://goo.gl/KjTWCa>

#### **From The Hill:**

The U.S. Justice Department's recent move to investigate Harvard's affirmative action policy continues this country's long history of pitting people of color against each other, in this case, Asians against African Americans and Latinos, to advance the interests of white Americans.

**Reason for inclusion:** Provides commentary on the problematic nature of using Asian Americans as a way to disprove racism within academia.

## Racism motivated Trump voters more than authoritarianism by Thomas Wood

# The Washington Post

Read here: <https://goo.gl/sJ82ai>

### From The Washington Post:

Since 1988, we've never seen such a clear correspondence between vote choice and racial perceptions. The biggest movement was among those who voted for the Democrat, who were far less likely to agree with attitudes coded as more racially biased.

**Reason for inclusion:** provides analysis of how racism played a bigger role in the 2016 presidential election than believed by some media outlets.



# It's Time to Talk: South Asian Women in the U.S. Have Some of the Highest Suicide Rates by Sheena Vasani

## THE HUFFINGTON POST

Read here: <https://goo.gl/WjzbFW>

### From The Huffington Post:

Growing up, we hear aunts and uncles boast about and compare their children's grades, looks, and other signs signaling a promising future of social status. As we get older, everything is up for comparison — the amount of money we make, the career we embark on, the lives we show to the world on social media, and even the ones we love. The expectations are always rising; our self-worth, always plummeting. We are never enough. **Reason for inclusion:** Discussion on a topic that has not not been written on and needs more attention.

## Behind the 'Model Minority' Myth: Why the 'Studious Asian' Stereotype Hurts by Chris Fuchs



**Read Here:** <https://goo.gl/gieWuW>

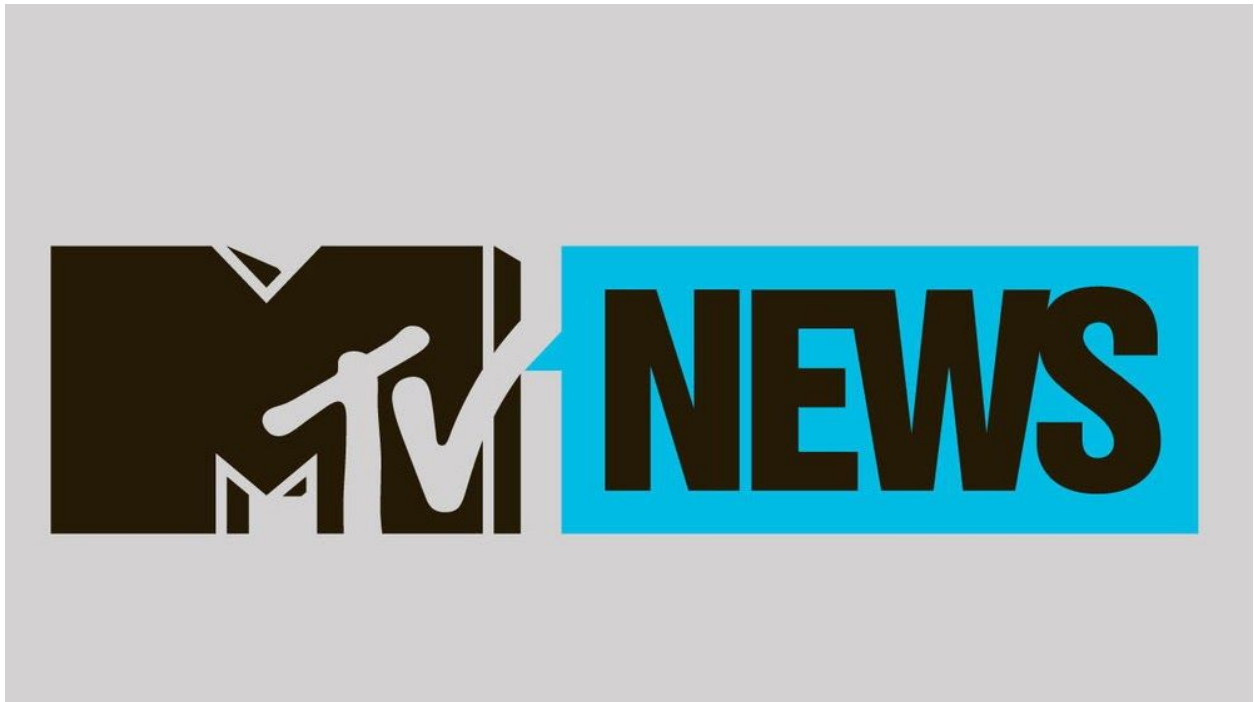
**From NBC News:**

"My first midterm, it was a D. I think so much of my self-worth and value was so closely tied to my accomplishments and, like, my academic accomplishments. It was, like, an attack on my identity and who I thought I was," Shannen Kim said

**Reason for inclusion:** A compelling article about how the Model Minority myth does more harm than good.

## Videos

### [The Problem w/ White Beauty Standards | Decoded | MTV News](#)



**From MTV News:**

Whether it's not being able to find a particular type makeup because they simply don't make your shade, looking out at a sea of white faces at a magazine rack, or getting into an argument about "Good Hair", white beauty standards are all around us. What's crazy is that if you fit the ideal you may not even notice how they affect people of color every day. Don't believe us? Watch the episode to find out.

**Reason for inclusion:** A discussion of how white beauty standards impact women of color's experiences with beauty products

## What it takes to be racially literate | Priya Vulchi and Winona Guo | TEDWomen2017



### **From TED:**

Over the last year, Priya Vulchi and Winona Guo traveled to all 50 US states, collecting personal stories about race and intersectionality. Now they're on a mission to equip every American with the tools to understand, navigate and improve a world structured by racial division. In a dynamic talk, Vulchi and Guo pair the personal stories they've collected with research and statistics to reveal two fundamental gaps in our racial literacy -- and how we can overcome them.

**Reason for inclusion:** Vulchi and Guo provide an insightful analysis of the two issues of "heart" and "mind" when it comes to race literacy in the United States

[The myth of race, debunked in 3 minutes](#)

The logo for Vox, featuring the word "Vox" in a large, black, serif font. The letter "V" is particularly tall and narrow, while the "o" and "x" are more rounded and connected.

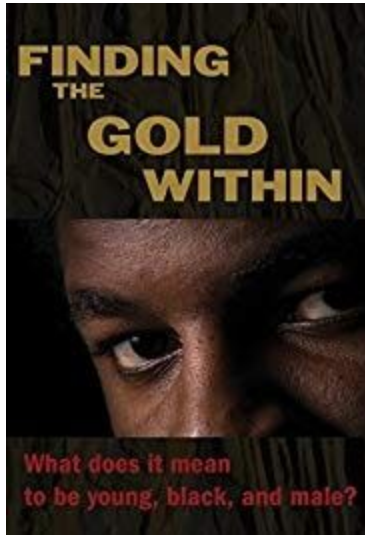
**From Vox:**

You may know exactly what race you are, but how would you prove it if somebody disagreed with you? Jenée Desmond Harris explains.

**Reason for inclusion:** This video provides a concise explanation of race as a social construct.

# Documentaries

## Finding the Gold Within



**Trailer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D50MS31RvpM>

**Watch here (EMU Net ID Required):**

<https://emu.kanopy.com/video/finding-gold-within>

**From IMBD:** Six young black men from Akron, Ohio, enter college, determined to redefine society's images and low expectations. Despite their confidence, the stark reality of being away from home brings a series of crises. Well trained in critical and metaphorical thinking, and unusually articulate about their inner lives, each of the protagonists guides us to his core. Since sixth grade, they have been part of an innovative mentoring program called 'Alchemy, Inc.' that uses mythological stories, drumming and writing. In the twice-yearly reunion workshops everyone speaks of his trials and his triumphs with authenticity, intelligence, honesty and heart. In turns quiet, thoughtful and exuberant, the six protagonists grow before our eyes, whether navigating racial provocations, or seeking support with new friends, estranged fathers and wise grandmothers.

**Reason for inclusion:** As well as exploring the experiences of these Black men in their time in college, the documentary includes [Darius Simpson](#), an EMU alumni.