

With the murder of George Floyd by a police officer, we, as a nation, seemed to wake up to some of the realities that the Black community has struggled with for decades (centuries, actually). We at the CRC believe it is time for more of us to engage with and enlighten ourselves about the daily inequities that American Blacks face and struggle with.

Below you will find activities to do from Sunday through Thursday for four weeks. Click on the day's activity to be taken to an audio recording, an article, or a video to help explore inequities found in the Black community. At the end of the first three weeks, please join us for a Zoom discussion the following Sunday morning to discuss all you have seen, read and heard!

EXPLORING
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WEEK 1 • ELUL 1-8

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8-SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

AUGUST 8
SUN • ELUL 1



Watch this video of Neil deGrasse Tyson speaking about his personal experiences.

AUGUST 9
MON • ELUL 2



Watch one or more of these videos to hear firsthand accounts of how some people felt when they first realized they were black.

AUGUST 10
TUE • ELUL 3



Read Ibrim Kendi's account about Ahmaud Arbery published in the Atlantic, "Who Gets to Be Afraid in America?"

AUGUST 11
WED • ELUL 4



Watch this TED Talk "Let's Get to the Root of Racial Injustice" about a person's story dealing with war of drugs.

AUGUST 12
THU • ELUL 5



Read "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" (from The National SEED Project (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity), 1989)



Read the following article, "What Is Everyday Bias?" (from the Anti Defamation League)

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 11AM:
FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DISCUSS THIS
WEEK'S ACTIVITIES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THIS OPTIONAL ZOOM CHAT

WEEK 2 • ELUL 8-15

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15-SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

AUGUST 15
SUN • ELUL 8



Watch this TED Talk
“How We’re Priming
Some Kids for College
and others for Prison”

AUGUST 16
MON • ELUL 9



Watch this TED Talk
“How to Overcome
Our Biases? Walk
Boldly Towards Them”



Listen to this NPR piece
“Opinion: My Father
Stood for the National
Anthem for the Same Reason
Colin Kaepernick Sits”



Listen to this NPR
piece “When Calling
the Po-Po is a No-No”

AUGUST 17
TUE • ELUL 10



Watch this Youtube
with comedian Amber Ruffin
discussing her police
encounters as seen on
Late Night with Seth Meyers



Read this Vice.com
piece about a Buffalo cop
who intervened on a
chokehold and lost her job
and pension

AUGUST 18
WED • ELUL 11



Read this
Reconstructionist Jewish
Account on the topic of Black
Lives Matter vs. All Lives Matter

AUGUST 19
THU • ELUL 12



Read this account
from a Black Jewish
Rabbi in the Forward.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 11AM:
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THIS OPTIONAL ZOOM CHAT

WEEK 3 • ELUL 15-22

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22-SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

AUGUST 22
SUN • ELUL 15



Watch this Youtube with Francesca Ramsey about "Why aren't you talking about 'black-on-black crime?'"

AUGUST 23
MON • ELUL 16



Listen to this NPR piece, "A Decade of Watching Black People Die"

AUGUST 24
TUE • ELUL 17



Read this Snopes article about how some people misrepresent the truth when saying lack Lives Matter is a violent/ terrorist group, rather, there are fringe groups that are being misrepresented as part of BLM.

AUGUST 26
WED • ELUL 18



Read or listen to this NPR piece about the issue of ending cash bail. Housing the approximately 500,000 people in jail in the US awaiting trial who cannot afford bail costs US taxpayers \$9 billion a year.

AUGUST 27
THU • ELUL 19



Read or listen to this NPR piece about racial gerrymandering, "Your Body Being Used"

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 11AM:
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WEEK 4 • ELUL 22-26

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29-THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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AUGUST 29
SUN • ELUL 22



Listen to these short videos put out by the CATO Institute (a libertarian think tank) on Qualified immunity which permits government officials to be immune from civil suits.

AUGUST 30
MON • ELUL 23



Consider what “defund the police” really means by watching this video by BLM and reading this Washington Post article.

AUGUST 31
TUE • ELUL 24



Read the Snopes article about the fact that Black people are 2.7 times as likely to be killed by police than white people.



Read this article about the fact that unarmed Black Americans are roughly five times as likely as unarmed white Americans to be shot and killed by a police officer.



Read this article about the fact that the Black imprisonment rate for drug offenses is about 5.8 times higher than it is for whites.

SEPT. 1
WED • ELUL 25



Read this Reconstructionist Jewish Account on the topic of reparations.



Read Ta-Nehisi Coates' piece from the Atlantic “The Case for Reparations”.



Read this Vox article on historical reparations - the US has already participated in reparations four times.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 6PM:
WE SHALL GET TOGETHER TO EAT AT A BLACK-OWNED RESTAURANT IN PEORIA. AFTER DINNER, WE CAN GO TO A PARK TO DISCUSS THE PRIOR WEEK'S INFORMATION.