

VATA stands with the Black Lives Matter Movement. We believe in the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion globally. We recognize we can do better as an organization, we have a great responsibility to our students and community and will use the arts as a catalyst for change. It is our job as art educators to create classrooms rich in experiences that both challenge and encourage our students to think.

We should always use art as a way to understand our world better and as a place to explore ourselves as individuals. Seeing Art created by people from diverse backgrounds, races, experiences and sexual orientations allows us as art education professionals to hear authentic voices and share those essential perspectives with our students.

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Anti Racism Resources -

#### More Resources:

# Black Lives Matter In The Classroom

## Race and Equity

Bringing Black Lives Matter into the Classroom

Classroom library assessment: How Culturally Responsive is your library? Social Justice Standards: The Teaching Tolerance Anti-bias Framework Can Equity Be Taught

What Learning about Slavery Can Teach Us About Ourselves
Teaching your kids not to "see" race is a terrible idea Studies have found
5 things well meaning white educators should consider if they really want to
close the achievement gap

There is no apolitical classroom: Resources for teaching in these times Back to School: A survival guide for teachers of color

#### **Book Lists**

**Black Books Matter** 

**Books about African Americans** 

Black Boy Joy: 29 picture books Featuring Black Male Protagonists

Books that Explore the Refugee Experience

10 Beautiful Indigenous Childrens Books to add to your library

37 Childrens books to help talk about racism and discrimination

17 New Authors of Color Writing much needed stories for kids

Our Favorite South Asian Books in 2017

Captivating Kids Stories to Recognize Privilege

15 Beautiful Books That Introduce Mexican Culture and History of Kids

### Teaching Resources

Why Teaching Black Lives Matter Matters Part 1
Black Lives Matter At School: Chicago Teachers Union

Tools and Resources to Support Social Justice and Antibias Lessons
Relationship Building Through Culturally Responsive Classroom Management
Here's a brilliant way to talk to kids about race and privilege
Reading Racism in Dr. Seuss
The Online Reference Guide to African American History
A People's History of Muslims in the United States

## Recent Media

Seattle Teachers Rally for Black Lives Matter at School

NJEA Joins call for Black Lives Matter at School Week, Feb 5-11