



BLACK EDUCATION
RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

Black Studies Curriculum Year 1 Reading List - #SCALEforLiteracy Pre-K - Grade 4

Pre-K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book</i> by Muriel Feelings ● <i>Honey Baby Sugar Child</i> by Alice Faye Duncan ● <i>Kaaro Tomi, Good Morning Tomi: A bilingual Yoruba/English picture book for babies, toddlers and preschoolers</i> by Abimbola Anifowoshe ● <i>Kwanzaa Gets an A</i> by Steven C. Thedford ● <i>Dream Builder: The Story of Architect Phillip Freelon</i> ● <i>Africa, Amazing Africa: Country by Country</i> by Atinuke (2021 version) ● <i>Mapping</i> ● <i>Why The Sky Is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale</i> by Mary-Joan Gerson ● <i>Hair Love</i> by Matthew Cherry & Vashti Harrison 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dream Street</i> by Tricia Elam Walker ● <i>Ellington Was Not A Street</i> by Ntozake Shange ● <i>Harlem</i> by Walter Dean Myers ● <i>Something Beautiful</i> by Sharon Dennis Wyeth ● <i>Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library</i> by Carole Boston Weatherford ● <i>The ABCs of the Black Panther Party</i> By S. Khaliah Brann and Chemay Morales-James ● <i>Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth</i> by Alice Faye Duncan
K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The Day You Begin</i> by Jacqueline Woodson ● <i>Hey Black Child</i> by Useni Eugene Perkins ● <i>All are Welcome</i> by Alexandra Penfold ● <i>Deron Goes to Nursery School</i> ● <i>Ruby Bridges Goes To School: My True Story</i> ● <i>Separate is Never Equal</i> by Duncan Tonatiuh ● <i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i> by Vashti Harrison ● <i>My First African Dance</i> by Tremontenia Morgia ● <i>Afro-bets First Book About Africa</i> by Veronica Freeman Ellis 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Our People</i> By Angela Shelf Medearis ● <i>Light as a Feather: The 42 Laws of Maat for Children</i> by Kajara Nebthet and Adofe Bey ● <i>I am Mind, Body and Spirit</i> ● <i>I Know I Can!</i> By Veronica Chambers ● <i>I Am Every Good Thing</i> by Derrick Barnes ● <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson ● <i>Black Girl Magic: A Poem</i> by Mahogany L. Browne ● <i>Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood</i> by Kwame Mbalia
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Family</i> by Isabell Monk ● <i>Peeny Butter Fudge</i> by Toni Morrison ● <i>Auntee Edna</i> by Ethel Footman Smothers ● <i>Me & Mama</i> by Cozbi A. Cabrera ● <i>I Am Loved</i> by Nikki Giovanni 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Clean Getaway</i> by Nic Stone ● <i>Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred D. Taylor ● <i>The Undeclared</i> by Kwame Alexander & Kadir Nelson ● <i>I, too, am America</i> by Langston Hughes ● <i>When the Schools Shut Down: A Young Girl's Story of Virginia's "Lost Generation" and the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Decision</i> by Yolanda Gladden and Dr. Tamara Pizzoli ● <i>Linda Brown, You Are Not Alone: The Brown vs. Board of Education Decision</i> by Joyce Carol Thomas



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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Radiant Child</i> by Javaka Steptoe ● <i>Tap-Tap</i> By Karen Lynn Williams ● <i>Freedom Soup</i> by Tami Charles ● <i>Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings</i> by Francie Latour ● <i>Eight days</i> by Edwidge Danticat ● <i>Toussaint L'Ouverture: The Fight for Haiti's Freedom</i> by Walter Dean Myers and Jacob Lawrence 	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Parable of the Sower</i> by Octavia Butler ● <i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> by Tomi Adeyemi ● <i>Akata Witch</i> by Nnedi Okorafor ● <i>Akata Warrior</i> by Nnedi Okorafor ● <i>The Gilded Ones</i> by Namina Forna ● <i>Daughters of Nri</i> by Reni K Amayo ● <i>Pride</i> by Ibi Zoboi
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Planet Middle School</i> by Nikki Grimes ● <i>The Kaya Girl</i> by Mamle Wolo ● <i>Fibbed</i> by Elizabeth Agyemang ● <i>Crossing the Stream</i> by Elizabeth-Irene Baitie ● <i>Auma's Long Run</i> by Eucabeth Odhiambo 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The Bluest Eye</i> by Toni Morrison ● <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston ● <i>The Color Purple</i> by Alice Walker ● <i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> by Tomi Adeyemi ● <i>Okoye to the People</i> by Ibi Zoboi
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>My Life as an Ice-Cream Sandwich</i> by Ibi Zoboi ● <i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia ● <i>Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, A Monumental American Man</i> by Tonya Bolden ● <i>No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller</i> by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson ● <i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans</i> by Kadir Nelson ● <i>What Color Is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors</i> by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The Middle Passage</i> by Tom Feelings ● <i>The Fire Next Time</i> by James Baldwin ● <i>Child of the Dream (A Memoir of 1963)</i> by Sharon Robinson ● <i>The Birth of Cool: Style Narratives of the African Diaspora</i> by Carol Tulloch ● <i>Dapper Dan: Made in Harlem: A Memoir</i> by Daniel R. Day and Mikael Awake ● <i>Liberated Threads: Black Women, Style, and the Global Politics of Soul</i> by Tanisha C. Ford ● <i>Dreams From My Father</i> by Barack Obama ● <i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama ● <i>Hidden Figures</i> by Margot Lee Shetterly ● <i>How to Build A Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture</i> by Tonya Bolden
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> by Lorraine Hansberry ● <i>Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule</i> by Harriette Gillem Robinet ● <i>Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues</i> by Harriette Gillem Robinet ● <i>Out from This Place</i> by Joyce Hansen ● <i>Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer</i> by Carol Boston Weatherford ● <i>Freedom Struggles: African Americans and World War I</i> by Adriane Danette Lentz-Smith ● <i>To Be A Slave</i> by Julius Lester ● <i>Infinite Hope</i> by Ashley Bryan ● <i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone ● <i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama (Young Reader's Edition) ● <i>Hidden Figures</i> by Margot Lee Shetterly (Young Reader's Edition) ● <i>MARCH</i> (pts. 1-3) by John Lewis ● <i>Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down</i> by Andrea Davis Pinkney 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination</i> by Robin D.G. Kelley ● <i>The Souls of Black Folks</i> by W.E.B. DuBois ● <i>Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom</i> by Keisha Blain ● <i>Until I Am Free: Fannie Lou Hamer's Enduring Message to America</i> by Keshia N. Blain ● <i>UnBrought and UnBossed</i> by Shirley Chisholm ● <i>Assata: An Autobiography</i> by Assata Shakur ● <i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told to Alex Haley</i> ● <i>The End of White World Supremacy: Four Speeches</i> by Malcolm X ● <i>The Source of Self-Regard</i> by Toni Morrison ● <i>We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates ● <i>Black Fortunes: The Story of the First Six African Americans Who Survived Slavery and Became Millionaires</i> by Shomari Wills ● <i>The Black Girl's Guide to Financial Freedom: Build Wealth, Retire Early, and Live the Life of Your Dreams</i> by Paris Woods ● <i>The Case for Reparations</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates (essay) ● <i>Powernomics</i> by Claud Anderson ● <i>From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century</i> by William A. Darity ● <i>Race After Technology: Abolitionist Tools for the New Jim Code</i> by Ruha Benjamin