**Suggested Media Resources**

I = Introductory Level I+ = More Advanced Introductory Level

A = Advanced Level A+ = Highly Advanced Level

**Magazine/Newspaper Articles:**

Because one of the best hopes for whites to question systemic racism is education, which means reading anything they can on the nature, origin, and real-world consequences of our racial conflicts. Listed below are various important, and even outstanding, sources that address those conflicts objectively and not polemically. For those who might not be enamored with academic literature, this list has articles from popular, but very different, online journals such as *The American Prospect, Vox, Chicago Magazine, The Atlantic, The Smithsonian, New York Times, Public Discourse, Washington Post, Psychology Today,* and *The Guardian*.

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**TV and Documentaries:**

Be sure to avoid “feel good” TV shows and films showing indisputably virtuous African Americans overcoming racism, often in the Jim Crow South, with the guidance and assistance of good-hearted whites, like *The Help, Green Book,* or *The Blind Side*. A good movie to watch is *Hidden Figures*. Better still, read the book by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Expose yourself to various forms of communication that are based on factual information that cuts through prejudices and stereotypes, allowing you to fully appreciate African Americans and to empathize with their life experiences and perspectives. Good examples include the Netflix drama *Dear White People* and NBC’s drama, *This Is Us*.

Everyone should watch several films in PBS’s great series of groundbreaking documentaries, especially *The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution*; *Eyes on the Prize*; *Freedom Riders*; *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*; *The Talk—Race in America*; *Policing the Police 2020*; *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*; *Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise*; *Race Matters: America in Crisis, A PBS NewsHour Special*; *John Lewis—Get in the Way*; and *Slavery by Another Name* as well as the independent documentary films, *13th* and *40 Years a Prisoner*.

**Movies:**

Just Mercy

The Hate U Give

12 Years a Slave