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Dear Sisters and Associates,

Following the lead of Pope Francis when he calls us to be about a culture of encounter, this year of study is an invitation to encounter other people as a *response* to having had an encounter with Christ.

We are happy to offer this Study Guide for 2017-2018 *Racism: Encountering the Other*. We encourage each study group to use this material in whatever way is helpful. Our hope is that this year we will receive the insight and deeper awareness that leads to genuine encounter with those who are different than ourselves.

The guide includes academic materials, social commentary and research, books, articles, film, and video media that invite an encounter with the experiences and realities of others, particularly people of color whose identity and origins are rooted in African, Hispanic, Asian, Native as well as Islamic experiences. We hope your encounters in this area will lead to fruitful encounters in real time and space with real people in a way that is transformative and inspiring.

We have included a set of process questions at the end to help you engage in discussions with one another.

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## Section 1: Introduction

### Articles

[\*Pope Francis: For a Culture of Encounter\*](#), September 13, 2016, Morning Mediation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae

**Vatican Radio:** [\*Pope Francis at Mass: Overcome indifference, build a culture of encounter\*](#) Pope Francis says "an encounter with Jesus overcomes our indifference" and warned against bad habits that, even within a family, prevent us from truly listening to others and empathizing with them.

[What Pope Francis Means By a Culture of Encounter](#) by Thomas J. Eggleston, July 1, 2015 Catholic Worker/Houston

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## **Section 2: Historic Response of the Dominican Order to Racial Violence**

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### **Books**

[\*Montesinos' Legacy: Defining and Defending Human Rights for Five Hundred Years\*](#)

Edited by Edward C. Lorenz, Dana E. Aspinall, J. Michael Raley

*Montesinos' Legacy* brings scholars together in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dominican Antonio de Montesinos' famous sermon in defense of the rights of the indigenous Amerindians. The collection addresses the historical context for this sermon, but also the continued relevance of Montesinos today. *Montesinos' Legacy* examines the origins of human rights concepts in the West, the rights of indigenous peoples, the role of the Church in human rights, and human rights in Latin America. Available at amazon.com.

[\*Three Dominican Pioneers in the New World: Antonio de Montesinos, Domingo de Betanzos, Gonzalo Lucero\*](#)

By Anton de Montesinos, Felix Jay

This essay and the translation of original Spanish texts places the early Dominican contribution into focus. It examines the time span from 1510 to about 1548. It is divided into three main sections: activities on the Island of Espanola and their echo in Spain; activities in Mexico proper and Guatemala; and missions to the Mixtecs in Oaxaca and environs.

[\*A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies\*](#)

By Bartolome de las Casas and Nigel Griffin

Bartolome de las Casas wrote this in 1542 to describe the mistreatment of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. It is one of the first attempts to depict the atrocities committed during the Spanish conquest. (Wikipedia)

[\*Bartolome de Las Casas: Great Prophet of the Americas\*](#)

By Paul S. Vickery

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The story of Bartolomé de Las Casas, a Dominican priest and missionary who fought relentlessly for justice for the Native Americans and even for their status as human beings, who was fearless in standing up to the political and ecclesiastical powers of his time. Interwoven is the story of his own two conversion experiences.

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### [Bartolome de Las Casas: The Only Way](#)

Ed. by Helen Rand Parish; translated by Francis R. Sullivan

Las Casas, called the "Defender of the Indians", wrote his most famous treatise, *De Unico Modo* in the 1550s. This translation provides a picture of the spiritual experience of the man whose quest for social justice is relevant for us today.

### [Saint Dominic and the Order of Preachers: 800 Years of Service, 1216-2016](#)

By Richard Finn

This history sets St Dominic and his Order's developing mission in the context of major social changes through the centuries and across the globe. The story is enriched by the contribution of major saints and leading figures such as St Thomas Aquinas, St Catherine of Siena, Girolamo Savonarola, Bartolomé de Las Casas, St Martin de Porres, Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, and Yves Congar. Particular attention is given to some of the English-speaking provinces.

## YouTube/Videos/TEDTalks

The Preaching of Antonio Montesinos. Fr. James Barnett, OP

YouTube video

[Part 1: An introduction](#) to the context of the famous preaching by the Dominican Community in Hispanola in 1511.

[Part 2: a re-enactment of the Advent homily.](#) (begins at 4:30 minutes)

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## Section 3: Roots of Racism

### Books (available on Amazon.com)

#### *Hope Sings, So Beautiful, Graced Encounters Across the Color Line*

By Christopher Pramuk

In *Hope Sings, So Beautiful*, award-winning author Christopher Pramuk offers a mosaic of images and sketches for thinking and praying through difficult questions about race. Pramuk's challenging work on this difficult topic will stimulate fruitful conversations and fresh thinking, whether in private study or prayer; in classrooms, churches, and reading groups; or among friends and family around the dinner table.

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### ***White Awake: An honest look at what it means to be white***

By Daniel Hill (IVP Books – Inter Varsity Press – 2017 ISBN 978-0-8308-4393-0)

This book will lead people on a transformational journey. Daniel wrestles with his own ethnic identity and hopefully his own honest reflection will create a safe environment for others to embark on a similar path.

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### ***I don't see color: personal and critical perspectives on White privilege.***

Edited by Bettina Bergo and Tracey Nicholls, (University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2015)

A collection of essays that weave together theoretical insights from philosophy, sociology, economics, psychology, literature, and history, as well as the authors' personal narratives, to examine the forms and persistence of white privilege.

### ***12 Angry Men: true stories of being a black man in America today***

Edited by Gregory S. Parks and Matthew W. Hughey, (New York: New Press, c2010)

Called a book “which is factual yet reads like a novel” by the *Huffington Post*, *12 Angry Men* reveals some pointed truths about our nation, as a dozen eloquent authors from across the United States tell their personal stories of being racially profiled.

### ***The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race***

By Jesmyn Ward, (New York : Scribner, 2016)

National Book Award-winner Jesmyn Ward takes James Baldwin's 1963 examination of race in America, *The Fire Next Time*, as a jumping off point for this groundbreaking collection of essays and poems about race from the most important voices of her generation and our time.

## Articles

### **[Exposing Bias: Race & Racism in America](#)**

By Robert Fiesler, Dr. Michael Baran and Dr. James Herron

Two anthropologists and a journalist converse about race and racism in America. They include historical details in regards to the social construction of racism, as well as how children today perceive race, furthermore, the evolution of Affirmative Action is cited in regards to how this concept expands our perspective(s) on race today.

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### [Long-term Reduction in Implicit Race Bias: A Prejudice Habit-breaking Intervention](#)

By Patricia G. Devine, Patrick S. Forscher, Anthony J. Austin, and William T.L. Cox

Implicit bias is a habit that can be reduced over time. Strategies are available to reduce race bias, enable people to be more personally aware, and to act accordingly.

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### [White People Facing Race: Uncovering the Myths that Keep Racism in Place](#)

By Peggy McIntosh, PhD

### [Why, as Christians, We Must Oppose Racism](#)

By Desmond Tutu

Key to Tutu is seeing the face of God in others as we are all made to be community to each other. Economics nonsense and evil accomplishments keep discrimination reoccurring. Tutu suggests that instead we must invest in people's God-given potentials.

### [White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#)

By Peggy McIntosh, National Seed Project, 1989. (National Religious Vocation Conference Asian Pacific Standing Committee. Asian Pacific Handbook for Vocation and Formation Directors, 1998)

Not just for vocation and formation directors, this handbook offers insights into the cultural values, history, customs and celebrations, communication patterns, and spirituality of Asian Pacific cultures.

### [Racial Bias, Even When We Have Good Intentions](#)

By Sendhil Mullainathan

The extent and depth of racism in the world today, and over the last few years, is debatable yet as there are those who say little exists and those who say a great deal exists. This article gives a current account of recent happenings and methods whereby white persons were privileged over their colored counterparts. Whether implicitly and/or explicitly, will this spiral ever improve?

### [Ironic Effects of Racial Bias During Interracial Interactions](#)

By J. Nicole Shelton, Jennifer A. Richeson, Jessica Salvatore, and Sophie Trawalter

This shares findings that, in the short term, blacks prefer to "interact with highly racially biased whites" than those who are less biased. Blacks found high racially biased whites as more engaging, especially verbally, and better able to be understood. Also, it implies a greater level of honesty and even trust on the part of the high biased whites as well.

### **YouTube/Videos/TEDTalks**

#### [The Good Samaritan, the Other, and the Cycle of Violence in our Country](#)

By James Martin, SJ. 2016.

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A reflection on the Good Samaritan. NOTE: You do not need to have a Facebook Account to view the video. If you don't have a Facebook account, simply ignore the notice to log in, scroll down and click on the video to view.

#### [American Race: documentary series on TNT](#)

Troubled by the way racism and other forms of discrimination have affected so many communities, former NBA basketball star, Charles Barkley, has made it his personal mission not only to learn about varying perspectives but also to give a voice to those most impacted by discrimination. In American Race, he will hone in on such topics as police and race relations, Muslims in America, immigration issues and Hollywood stereotyping. The results are shockingly provocative and strikingly emotional, with Barkley finding his own preconceived notions being examined and challenged in each episode. You can download the TNT app and watch this on an iPad or view it online. (Free through your internet service provider)

#### [Racism – What will it take to end it?](#)

By Cynthia Silva Parks (12 minutes)

Cynthia Silva Parker is a senior associate for the Interaction Institute for Social Change. She is a life-long advocate for racial equity and social justice, and for deeper awareness of each in our systems and organizations and the wider society. She focuses her observations, personal stories and career focus on strengthening collaborative networks by building the will, skill, knowledge and strategies to undo racism together.

#### [Poor People's Campaign at Repairers of the Breach](#)

Rev. Barker

Repairers of the Breach, Inc. is a nonpartisan and ecumenical organization that seeks to build a progressive agenda rooted in a moral framework to counter the ultra-conservative constructs that try to dominate the public square. Repairers will help frame public policies which are not constrained or confined by the narrow tenets of neo-conservatism. Repairers will bring together clergy and lay people from different faith traditions, with people without a spiritual practice but who share the moral principles at the heart of the great moral teachings. Repairers will expand a "school of prophets" who can broadly spread the vision of a nation that is just and loving.

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### [Allegories on race and racism](#)

By Camara Jones (20 minutes)

This talk was given at a local TEDx event, produced independently of the TED Conferences. Dr. Camara Jones shares four allegories on “race” and racism. She hopes that these “telling stories” empower you to do something different and that you will remember them and pass them on.

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### [Nelson Mandela on Overcoming Hatred](#)

Bill Moyers from *Sixty Minutes* Interview. (2.0 minutes)

### [Beyond Hate](#)

Bill Moyers from *Sixty Minutes* Interview. (7:17 minutes)

### [The Uncomfortable Truth and Racism](#) (18 minutes, 45 seconds)

“When White people tell deep, honest stories of knowing both oppression and privilege, and when these stories are honored, my experience is that White people can open themselves to facing race, without blame, shame, and guilt”.

Whites honestly and truly must share instead of being “resistant”, and being worried about saving their image and/or losing their self-esteem. Whites need to share stories so as to create a “transformational” experience within their “sacred center” which truly reflects their “individual essence”; and act upon this.

## Websites

[Learn about Racism and Share Church Teachings](#) USCCB’s Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development has prepared resources to guide efforts in the Catholic community to address racism. Materials include church statements and reports; backgrounders on systemic racism and ideas for study, reflection, and action; and prayer resources, as well as additional ideas from faith communities around the country about how local faith communities are working to address the sin of racism.

[Racism in America](#): A collection of films dealing with racism in America and the courageous people who have stood against it.

[The Disney Movies You Grew Up with Are Incredibly Racist](#)

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[Common Racial Stereotypes in Movies and Television](#): Portrayals of Blacks, Latinos, Native Americans, Asians and Arab Americans.

[10 Unapologetic Books About Race in America](#). A website that offers recommendations and reviews of books about race.

LOOK AT THE WEBSITE: [hopesingssobeautiful.org](http://hopesingssobeautiful.org) for lots of other resources, including music art and frequently updated blogs.

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## Workbooks

### [FACING Racism In A Diverse Nation Everyday Democracy](#)

Formerly known as the Study Circles Resource Center, this is a national organization that helps local communities find ways for all kinds of people to think, talk and work together to solve problems. This 58-page workbook is intended for community building in a neighborhood, but also offers excellent discussion questions and processes for small study groups. You can download this as a PDF for free.

## Interactive tests of Implicit Bias

**Project Implicit** is a non-profit organization and international collaboration between researchers who are interested in implicit social cognition - thoughts and feelings outside of conscious awareness and control. The goal of the organization is to educate the public about hidden biases and to provide a “virtual laboratory” for collecting data on the Internet. It is located at Harvard University.

We encourage study groups to take these tests and then discuss the results together using the questions at the top of the study packet. **Take the test:**

<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/selectatest.html> Click on Skin-Tone IAT Or click on RACE IAT Or Asian IAT

## Interactive Video Discussion

**Conversations on Race in America**, New York Times, op-doc series records the impressions and insights

of a variety of people on their experience of race. They are six minutes each.

[Conversation with White People](#)

[Conversation with Police Chiefs](#)

[Conversation with Black Women](#)

[Conversation about Growing Up Black](#)



[Conversations with Latinos on Race](#)  
[Conversation about Being Asian](#)  
[A conversation about being Native American](#)

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## Section 4: Encountering the African American Experience

### Books

#### [What We Have Seen and Heard](#)

A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization by the Black Bishops of the United States, 1984

While this document is dated, it still accurately outlines the characteristics of African-American spirituality and faith in part one of the document and goes on to be specific about African-American Catholics. (Printable PDF)

#### [The Cross and the Lynching Tree](#)

By James Cone, (Orbis Books, 2011)

The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk.

[Black Faith and Public Talk](#): Critical Essays on James H. Cone's "Black Theology and Black Power"  
Edited by Dwight N. Hopkins (Baylor University Press, 2007)

Examines the economic, political, cultural, gender, and theological implications of black faith and black theology.

#### [And Still We Rise: An Introduction to Black Liberation Theology](#)

By Diana L. Hayes, (1996)

Diana Hayes explores the sources of Black theology from within the Black historical experience and takes readers from the roots of Black theology in Africa, through the revivals of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and the civil rights and Black Power movements, to the beginnings of a systematic theology of liberation.

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### [The Black Church in the African American Experience](#)

By C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya, (13<sup>th</sup> edition, 2003)

### [Racial Justice in the Catholic Church](#)

By Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, (Orbis, 2010)

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This book is an essential book in confronting racism. It examines the presence of racism in this country from its early history through the Civil Rights Movement and the election of Barack Obama.

### [Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#)

By Ibram X. Kendi, (Nation Books, 2016)

### [Understanding and Dismantling Racism](#)

By Joseph Barndt, (2007)

Personal, yet practical work reframes race and racism in a new way for a new century and offers tested ways to address it.

### [The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide](#)

By Meizhu Lui, Barbara Robles, Betsy Leondar-Wright, Rose Brewer and Rebecca Adamson, with United for a Fair Economy (2006)

Chapters on various racial/ethnic groups focusing on their economic positions and the public policies that created, reinforced, and are still reinforcing those positions, with a capstone chapter that tells the story from the white perspective—all the things that whites got and get that African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, and Latinos didn't and don't, which is mostly stuff we get from the government, though nongovernmental institutions play their own roles. Solid high school- or college-level text that might open some eyes about how racialized wealth persists.

### [Black Prophetic Fire](#)

By Cornel West and Christa Buschendorf, (Beacon Press, Reprint 2015)

A look at the prophetic voices of six revolutionary African American leaders: Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King Jr., Ella Baker, Malcolm X, and Ida B. Wells

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### [Cut Loose Your Stammering Tongue: Black Theology in the Slave Narratives](#)

By Dwight N. Hopkins and George Cummings, (Westminster John Knox Press, 2nd Edition, 2003)

An analysis of the contributions of African-American slaves to the Christian faith and the gospel of liberation that arose from their experience.

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### [Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul](#)

By Eddie S. Glaude Sr., (Crown, 2016)

Glaude contends that we live in a country founded on a “value gap”—with white lives valued more than others—that still distorts our politics today and that has left African Americans behind socially and economically.

### [Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People](#)

By [Mahzarin R. Banaji](#) and Anthony G. Greenwald (Feb 12, 2013)

### [Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments in Our Daily Lives](#)

By Howard J. Ross, (2014)

### [Overcoming Our Racism: The Journey to Liberation](#)

By Derald Wing Sue (Jossey-Bass, 2003)

### [Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race](#)

By Derald Wing Sue (Wiley, 2016)

### [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration](#) in the Age of Colorblindness

By Michelle Alexander (The New Press, 2012)

### [What Does it Mean to be White: Developing White Racial Literacy](#)

By Robin DiAngelo (Peter Lang Inc., International Academic Publishers; Revised edition, 2016)

### [White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son,](#)

By Tim Wise (Soft Skull Press; 3rd Revised edition, 2011)

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### Articles and Essays

#### [Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America](#)

By Michael Eric Dyson (St. Martin's Press (January 17, 2017))

Michael Eric Dyson is an award winning author, a widely celebrated Georgetown University professor, a prominent public intellectual and a noted political analyst. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he is also an ordained Baptist minister. Dyson is a two-time NAACP Image Award winner.

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#### [The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race](#)

By Jesmyn Ward (Scribner, 2016)

Groundbreaking collection of essays and poems about race from the most important voices of her generation and our time.

#### [Going the Territory](#)

By Ralph Ellison (reprinted 1995)

The seventeen essays collected in this volume prove that Ralph Ellison was not only one of America's most dazzlingly innovative novelists but perhaps also our most perceptive and iconoclastic commentator on matters of literature, culture, and race. In *Going to the Territory*, Ellison provides us with dramatically fresh readings of William Faulkner and Richard Wright, along with new perspectives on the music of Duke Ellington and the art of Romare Bearden. He analyzes the subversive quality of black laughter, the mythic underpinnings of his masterpiece *Invisible Man*, and the extent to which America's national identity rests on the contributions of African Americans. Erudite, humane, and resounding with humor and common sense, the result is essential Ellison.

### YouTube/Videos/ TEDTalks

[The Story of Race: A History](#). YouTube, uploaded 13 July 2009. (8:24 minutes)

A short overview of the history of racial oppression in America.

[The Bill Moyer interview with Cone about his book, \*The Cross and the Lynching Tree\*](#); video link is imbedded. ( 45 minutes)

[College Kids React to Racism in America](#) YouTube uploaded (13:51 minutes)

College students reacting to a 1940s anti-Nazi short film made by US War Department in the aftermath of the violence in Charlottesville, VA, 2017.

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[Video on World Trust website](#) entitled: **Cracking the Code of Racial Inequity**

[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) – Michelle Alexander.

A 1 hour presentation on YouTube at the University of Chicago.

*America's Racial 'Value Gap': A Two-Part Conversation with Bill Moyers and Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.*,  
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[PART I: America's Racial Value Gap](#)

[PART II: Pressing the Democratic Party to Address Race](#)

[Peeling the Whitewash From Our Myths](#), Rev. Susan K. Smith and Bill Moyers talk about the Bible, the Constitution and Race

### Websites

[African American Resources from the USCCB](#) contains many links to materials. There are a host of other links to other relevant materials.

*Brothers and Sisters to Us* Pastoral Letter Written by U.S. Bishop along with updated material on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Racial Divide in the U.S.* – Letter by Bishop Edward K. Braxton, PhD.

*Letter from a Birmingham Jail Study Guide*

[Kirwan Institute of Ethnic and Racial Studies](#) at OSU Website

[Rose Colored Glasses For Race](#): Unwarranted Optimism In Whites Views of Racial Gaps

[Talking Productively About Race in the Colorblind Era](#)

[Chipping Away at Implicit Bias](#)

### Interactive Discussion

[Project Implicit](#) (a nonprofit organization an international collaboration between researchers) investigates thoughts and feelings that exist outside of conscious awareness or conscious control and offers implicit bias tests via internet sites, with a goal of educating the public about hidden biases. Tests to explore implicit associations about race, gender, sexual orientation, and other topics can be found here.

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### Films

Selma	Race (2016)
42	12 Years A Slave (2013)
The Great Debaters	The Butler (2013)
The Long Walk Home	Fruitvale Station (2013)
13 <sup>th</sup> (NetFlix)	A Time to Kill (1996)
A Raisin in the Sun	The Tuskegee Airmen (1995)
Hidden Figures	Mississippi Burning (1988)
The Help	Imitation of Life (1959)

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### Novels

- Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly (2016)
- Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates Spiegel & Grau, (2015)
- We Were Eight Years in Power** by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2017)
- The Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead (2016)
- Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult (2016)
- Black Like Me** by John Howard Griffin (2010)
- A Time to Kill** by John Grisham (2009)

### General Articles about African American Music

[the Gift of Black Sacred Song](#), Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA, Ph.D.

### Short History of African American Spirituals

[Music for the Soul](#), Dr. Michael Pratt

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## Section 5: Encountering the Latino-American Experience

### Books

#### [Guadalupe: Mother of the New Creation](#)

By Virgil Elizondo (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1997)

Written by Fr. Virgilio P. Elizondo, a Chicano from San Antonio, TX and a member of the unique Latino population and its faithful, this book offers a fresh, insightful, and authentic interpretation of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. What makes this short and simple book so rich is that it can be read for its literary content (book includes a full translation loyal to the original Guadalupana poem, along with commentary); its theological content; its

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philosophical content; its sociological content; and its historical content. Book can be purchased at Amazon.com

### [¡SANTO!: VARIETIES OF LATINO/A SPIRITUALITY](#)

By Edwin David Aponte (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2012)

Latino is a broad and diverse measure of race and ethnicity. After colonization, the faith of Latinos saw a merger of European, Native American and African faithful traditions. In *Santo*, Edwin Aponte provides a deeper analysis the underlying values, loyalties, and perspectives that have entered mainstream American culture by the faithful traditions of Latinos in the United States. Book can be purchased at Amazon.com

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### [OUR AMERICA: A Hispanic History of the United States](#)

By Felipe Fernandez-Armesto

The United States is still typically conceived of as an offshoot of England, with our history unfolding east to west beginning with the first English settlers in Jamestown. This view overlooks the significance of America's Hispanic past. With the profile of the United States increasingly Hispanic, the importance of recovering the Hispanic dimension to our national story has never been greater. This absorbing narrative begins with the explorers and conquistadores who planted Spain's first colonies in Puerto Rico, Florida, and the Southwest. Missionaries and rancheros carry Spain's expansive impulse into the late eighteenth century, settling California, mapping the American interior to the Rockies, and charting the Pacific coast. During the nineteenth century Anglo-America expands west under the banner of "Manifest Destiny" and consolidates control through war with Mexico. In the Hispanic resurgence that follows, it is the peoples of Latin America who overspread the continent, from the Hispanic heartland in the West to major cities such as Chicago, Miami, New York, and Boston. The United States clearly has a Hispanic present and future. Book can be purchased at Amazon.com

### [The Labyrinth of Solitude](#)

By Paz, Octavio

*Labyrinth of Solitude* is a collection of essays, most of them reflections on political history, but several key sections address the phenomenon of solitude directly among Mexicans. Paz maintains that forms of solitude in a culture originate in a psychological complex of defeat. Paz explains that the history of Mexico is a search for historical origins, for the character of indigenoussness, a search for a time before the "catastrophe" of historical time. Book can be accessed at public libraries and available electronically for free.

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### Articles and Essays

#### [Inculturation and the Guadalupana](#)

The journal article narrates the role of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexican/Latino Spirituality. The author explains the symbolism and powerful expression of La Morenita, beyond a devotion to the DNA of the faithful!

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#### [Mexican American Migrations and Communities by the Library of Congress](#)

The article narrates the long and complex relationship between Mexico and The United States. Through an ethnographic and historical approach it provides a further understanding to an international relationship forged by need, greed and dependency.

#### [How to tame a wild tongue](#)

By Gloria Anzaldua

Chicana author Gloria Anzaldua describes the various forms of borders that Latinos in the United States are faced with between nations, cultures, classes, genders, language. "Anzaldua is arguing for the ways in which identity is intertwined with the way we speak and for the ways in which people can be made to feel ashamed of their own tongues. Keeping hers wild, ignoring the closing of linguistic borders is Anzaldua's way of asserting her identity."

### Websites

#### [Latinos by the Number from the Pew Research Center](#)

#### [Identity Orientations of Latinos in the United States](#)

[PBS Latino-Americans the New Latinos](#) video (55 minutes) [watch the trailer here](#)

[Video and story of an undocumented dreamer that studies in the U.S. and a farm worker, both searching for the American Dream.](#)



## **Films**

### [Mi Familia](#)

A second-generation Mexican immigrant narrates his family history, beginning with the journey of his father, Jose (Jacob Vargas), across Mexico to Los Angeles where he meets Maria (Jennifer Lopez) and starts a family. Each subsequent generation contends with political and social hardships, ranging from illegal deportations in the 1940s to racial tensions and gang fights in the '60s and '70s. Yet through it all, or perhaps because of it, the family remains strong.

**Movie Cesar Chavez** (Available at the Columbus Public Library) or watch Dolores Huerta Documentary (Out in theaters on September 1)

The biopic film about the farm worker organizer and union activist Cesar Chavez well known among the chicano community as the civil rights activist for Chicanos and Latinos in the U.S.

**Zoot Suit** (1981 Available at public libraries)

This is one of the best statements, about anti-Mexican-American prejudice. It is set in Los Angeles, during World War 2, when young 'chicanos' or 'pachucos' used the unique style of the **zoot** suit to set themselves off in their search of identity as Americans and being true to their Mexican heritage.

**Real Women Have Curves (Public Libraries)**

Hispanic Ana is gifted but held back by her less-educated parents' expectations. The coming of age film narrates the challenges faced between the first and second Latinos migrants. The movie is warm, humorous and has strong performances.

**[La Misma Luna /Under the Same Moon \(available in Netflix and Library\)](#)**

When the death of his grandmother leaves young Carlitos alone, he takes his fate into his own hands and heads north across the border to find his mother. As he journeys from his rural Mexican village to the L.A. barrio, Carlitos faces seemingly insurmountable obstacles with a steely. The film addresses serious topics like family separation due the search for financial stability, child migration. The film is very well done, the script and dialog is on target, the acting is excellent and it gives the viewer good food for thought.

## **Novels**

### ***The House on Mango Street***

By Sandra Cisneros

Chicano literary gem, *The House on Mango Street* is comprised short, poetic installments, filled with the sadness and desperation Esperanza sees among her neighbors, especially the women. Esperanza writes about her house on Mango Street with "windows so small you'd think they were holding their breath;" her mother, who quit school and pushes her to continue her education; and her friend Sally, who gets married too young to escape her house, and ends up a virtual prisoner to her husband. The book shares the cultural struggles of adaptation to a new country while holding to dear life to the heritage of the ancestors and elders.

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### ***Borderlands La Frontera***

By Gloria Anzaldua

Rooted in Gloria Anzaldúa's experience as a Chicana, a lesbian, an activist, and a writer, the essays and poems in this volume profoundly challenged, and continue to challenge, how we think about identity. *BORDERLANDS/LA FRONTERA* remaps our understanding of what a "border" is, presenting it not as a simple divide between here and there, us and them, but as a psychic, social, and cultural terrain that we inhabit, and that inhabits all of us.

### ***The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao***

By Junot Diaz

Although a work of fiction, the Pulitzer Prize novel is set in New Jersey in the United States, where Díaz was raised and deals with the Dominican Republic experience under dictator Rafael Trujillo. The book chronicles both the life of Oscar De León, an overweight Dominican boy growing up in Paterson, New Jersey. In this novel Oscar becomes the dual citizen between two countries, two histories and his search for identity.

### ***The Storyteller***

By Mario Vargas Llosa

(*El Hablador*) is a novel by Peruvian author and Literature Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa. The story tells of Saúl Zuratas, a university student who leaves civilization and becomes a "storyteller" for the Machiguenga Native Americans. The novel highlights the theme of the Westernization of indigenous peoples through missions and through

anthropological studies, and questions the perceived notion that indigenous cultures are set in stone. Above all, this novel highlights the oral tradition of the native people of the Americas. Among the challenges brought forth by colonization, the book showcases the linguistic dominion through writing and the eradication of native tongues.

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## Section 6: Encountering the Asian-American Experience

### Books

#### [East Main Street: Asian American Popular Culture](#)

By Shilpa Dave, Leilani Nishime, Tasha G. Oren, and Robert G. Lee

“This volume explores historical and contemporary Asian American popular culture in the context of three broad themes: globalization and local identities, cultural legacy and memories, and ethnicity and identification. Among topics covered are transnational Vietnamese music, Asian fusion cuisine, race on the Internet, kung fu movies, hip hop, and the ‘iconography of Tiger Woods.’”

#### [Asian American Youth: Culture, Identity and Ethnicity](#) (1st Edition)

Edited by Jennifer Lee and Min Zhou

This book covers topics such as Asian immigration, acculturation, assimilation, intermarriage, socialization, sexuality, and ethnic identification. The distinguished contributors show how Asian American youth have created an identity and space for themselves historically and in contemporary multicultural America.

#### [Asian Americans and the Media](#) (1st Edition)

By Kent A. Ono and Vincent Pham

*Asian Americans and the Media* provides a concise, thoughtful, critical and cultural studies analysis of U.S. media representations of Asian Americans. The book also explores ways Asian Americans have resisted, responded to, and conceptualized the terrain of challenge and resistance to those representations, often through their own media productions.

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### [Asian American Religious Cultures](#) (2 volumes)

Edited by Jonathan H. X. Lee, Fumitaka Matsuoka, Edmond Yee, and Ronald Y. Nakasone

A resource ideal for students as well as general readers, this two-volume encyclopedia examines the diversity of the Asian American and Pacific Islander spiritual experience. Covers both common motifs in Asian American religious culture, such as Chinese New Year festivals and mortuary rituals, as well as many newly established faith traditions.

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### [Managing Multicultural Lives: Asian American Professionals and the Challenge of Multiple Identities](#)

By Pawan Dhingra

Using the words and experiences of Indian American and Korean American professionals themselves, Pawan Dhingra eloquently shows how people break down the popular "margins vs. mainstream" conception of group identity and construct a "lived hybridity." He offers new insight into minorities' experiences at work, at home, and in civil society.

### [The Contemporary Asian American Experience: Beyond the Model Minority](#) (3rd Edition)

By Timothy P. Fong

This book examines the contemporary history, culture, and social relationships that form the fundamental issues confronted by Asians in America today. Comprehensive, yet concise, it focuses on a *broad* range of issues, and features a unique comparative approach that analyzes how race, class, and gender intersect throughout the contemporary Asian American experience.

### [Asian American Religions: The Making and Remaking of Borders and Boundaries \(Religion, Race, and Ethnicity\)](#)

Edited by Tony Carnes and Fenggang Yang

*Asian American Religions* brings together some of the most current research on Asian American religions from a social science perspective. The volume focuses on religion in Asian American communities in New York, Houston, Los Angeles, and the Silicon Valley/Bay Area, and it includes a current demographic overview of the various Asian populations across the United States

## Articles

### [Asian Americans: A Mosaic of Faiths](#)

You can either read this article on-line which has only overview religion of Asian Americans. But if you want more detail (which include: Religious Affiliation, Religious Switching and Intermarriage, Importance of Religion, Religious Beliefs, Religious Practices, Social and Political Attitudes) click on “Complete Report PDF” on the right column of the screen to download the full article. In this PDF file, you can read the overview on *Asian Americans: A Mosaic of Faiths* (pages 11-43) as it is displayed on-line.

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### [New report examines beliefs of Asian-Americans](#)

By Lauren Markoe (Religion News Service, July 19, 2012)

### [Spirituality, Religion, & Faith](#)

### [The Faith and Practice of Asian American Catholics](#)

When you enter the link above, it is automatically downloaded to your computer, so you need to know where it is downloaded.

### [Racial Microaggressions and the Asian American Experience](#)

This article was written based on academic research style. To help you reach the goals when reading this article, it is better for you to start reading the “Results” session (page 75-77) describing the common microaggressions that Asian Americans have been encountering. Then, the “Discussion” would be the second session to read (page 77 to 80)

### [Key facts about Asian Americans, a diverse and growing population](#)

By Gustavo Lopez, Neil G. Ruiz and Eileen Patten (September 8, 2017)

### [The Numbers and the Arguments on Asian Admissions](#)

### [Asian Americans face higher than average vote-by-mail ballot rejection rates in California](#)

### [Parental Influence on Asian Americans’ Educational and Vocational Outcomes](#)

By Donna Poon

## YouTube/Videos/TEDTalks

### [Deculturalization of Asian Americans](#) (18 minute Youtube)

This is about the history of Asian immigrants from the beginning of the USA, the racism on Asian Americans in the USA and the symptom of deculturalization in Asian Americans, and Asian Americans at this time.

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### [Implicit Bias and Microaggressions: the Macro Impact of Small Acts](#) (50 minutes)

A talk by Professor Derald Wing Sue of Teachers College, Columbia University at Stanford University on January 20, 2015. Professor Sue studies the psychology of racism and antiracism; cultural diversity; and cultural competence. In this talk, he focused on microaggression on race. Good to be aware of our own microaggression.

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### [TEDTalk: My Immigration Story](#)

In 2010, technologist Tan Le took the TEDGlobal stage to demo a powerful new interface. But now, at TEDxWomen, she tells a very personal story: the story of her family -- mother, grandmother and sister -- fleeing Vietnam and building a new life.

### [Tedtalk: East vs. West — the myths that mystify](#)

Devdutt Pattanaik takes an eye-opening look at the myths of India and of the West -- and shows how these two fundamentally different sets of beliefs about God, death and heaven help us consistently misunderstand one another.

### [Tedtalk: What I learned from 100 days of rejection](#)

Jia Jiang's journey through rejection revealed a world hidden in plain sight, where people are much kinder than we imagine. *This talk is not about racism, but about his journey to go over his inner fear of being failure or rejected. This can give us the courage to deal with fear/failure when encountering people from different races. You can read his journey through his book "Rejection Proof: How I Beat Fear and Became Invincible Through 100 Days of Rejection" - Harmony (2015).* This book is filled with great stories and valuable insight and is a fun and thoughtful examination of how to overcome fear and dare to live more boldly. *The book can be found on-line as audiobook (free) or bought from amazon.com (<https://www.amazon.com/Rejection-Proof-Became-Invincible-Through/dp/080414138X>)*

### [Immigrant voices make democracy stronger](#) (13 minutes)

By Sayu Bhojwani

## Websites

### [Asian Languages](#)

### [Cultural factors influencing the mental health of Asian Americans](#)

### [Chapter 5: Family and Personal Values](#)

Dominican Sisters of Peace [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org)

[Southeast Asian Music: An Overview](#)

**Asian Americans in the United States:** To learn about different ethnic Asian-American groups in America including history, cultures, cuisine and food, religions, faiths and spirituality, issues, etc., go to the website named [Asian-Nation](#)

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## **Section 7: Encountering the Native-American Experience**

### **Books**

[American Indian Myths and Legends](#) (The Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library)

By Richard Erdoes

More than 160 tales from eighty tribal groups gives us a rich and lively panorama of the Native American mythic heritage. From across the continent comes tales of creation and love; heroes and war; animals, tricksters, and the end of the world.

[The Wisdom of the Native Americans](#) (Unabridged Audiobook)

By [Kent Nerburn](#)

The teachings of the Native Americans provide a connection with the land, the environment, and the simple beauties of life. This collection of writings from revered Native Americans offers timeless, meaningful lessons on living and learning.

[Aaron Huey: Mitakuye Oyasin](#)

Photography by Aaron Huey

In this powerful book, Aaron Huey (born 1975) portrays both the broken social landscape and the ceremonial warrior culture of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

[Of Earth and Elders: Visions and Voices from Native America](#)

By Serle Chapman

This book combines the wildlife photography of Chapman with essays from Native American commentators, focusing on the contemporary concerns, historic precedents, desires for the future, and the respect for tradition which is inherent in Native American culture.

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### Articles

#### [NATIVE AMERICAN LEGENDS- Native American Religion](#)

By Kathy Weiser

#### [A Summary of Native American Religions](#)

By David Ruvolo

#### [Religion—Misinformed about Alleged Native American Religions](#)

#### [One-in-four Native Americans and Alaska Natives are living in poverty](#)

By Jens Manuel Krogstand (June 13, 2014)

#### [STEREOTYPE, RACISM, AND MICROAGGRESSIONS](#)

By Kendra Gray

#### [After 200 years, Native Hawaiians make a comeback](#)

By Sara Kehaulani Goo (April 6, 2015)

#### [Remembering the First Native American Woman Doctor](#)

By Christopher Klein (November 17, 2016)

### YouTube/Videos/TEDTalks

#### [10 Sacred Native American Places](#) (8 minutes)

#### [BBC - The Natives: This is Our America Documentary](#) (2017—45 minutes)

Documentary looking at what it is like to be a young Native American, focusing on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Beset with alcohol and drug problems, this South Dakotan reservation is desperate to revive ancient traditions and joins the protest against the Dakota Access oil pipeline, which they say threatens their land.

#### [A Major Clash of Cultures | Native American History |](#) (English Subtitles—one hour)

#### [Tedtalk: America's native prisoners of war](#)

By Aaron Huey

Aaron Huey's effort to photograph poverty in America led him to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where the struggle of the native Lakota people -- appalling, and largely ignored -- compelled him to refocus. Five years of work later, his haunting photos intertwine with a shocking history lesson.



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### [Dance Me Outside](#) (DVD,VHS)

A story of life on an Indian reservation in Ontario: Silas and Frank are trying to get into college to train to be mechanics but they find themselves having to deal with girls, family ... and murder.

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### [We Are Still Here --- A Documentary on Today's Young Native Americans](#) (8 minutes)

### [Hidden America: Children of the Plains](#) (6 minutes)

## Websites

### [Traditional Native American Values and Behaviors](#)

### [Differences in Communication](#)

By Marah Rice

### [Symbols and Meanings](#)

### [Native American Cultures](#)

### [American Indian Articles Index](#)

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## Section 8: Encountering the Muslim-American Experience

### Books

### [The Terrorist's Son: A Story of Choice](#) (TED Books)

By Zak Ebrahim

An extraordinary story, never before told: The intimate, behind-the-scenes life of an American boy raised by his terrorist father—the man who planned the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.... Ebrahim argues that everyone, regardless of their upbringing or circumstances, can learn to tap into their inherent empathy and embrace tolerance over hatred. His original, urgent message is fresh, groundbreaking, and essential to the current discussion about terrorism. Also, can listen to the author interview on [“The Long, Scary Journey From A 'Terrorist's Son' To A Peace Activist”](#).

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### [A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea: The Journey of Doaa Al Zamel: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival](#)

by Melissa Fleming

*A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea* is an emotionally charged, eye-opening true story that represents the millions of unheard voices of refugees who risk everything in a desperate search for the promise of a safe future. Melissa Fleming sheds light on the most pressing humanitarian crisis of our time and paints a vivid, unforgettable portrait of the triumph of the human spirit. Available from Amazon.com.

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### [Rescue: Refugees and the Political Crisis of Our Time](#)

By David Miliband

We are in the midst of a global refugee crisis. Sixty five million people are fleeing for their lives. The choices are urgent, not just for them but for all of us. What can we possibly do to help? ....Describing his family story and drawing revealing lessons from his life in politics, David Miliband shows that if we fail refugees, then we betray our own history, values, and interests. The message is simple: rescue refugees and we rescue ourselves.

## Articles

### [Muslims and Islam: Key findings in the U.S. and around the world](#) (August 9, 2017)

By Michael Lipka

### [Strong religious beliefs are only one part of Muslim American identity](#) (September 2017)

By Geneive Abdo

### [U.S. Muslims are religiously observant, but open to multiple interpretations of Islam](#) (August 28, 2017)

By Elizabeth Podrebatac Sciapac

### [32 tips to launch your personal Jihad against racism and nationalism](#)

By Abdul Malik Mujahid

### [Subtle and Overt Forms of Islamophobia: Microaggressions toward Muslim Americans](#)

By Kevin L. Nadal, Katie E. Griffin, Sahran Hamit, Jayleen Leon, Michael Tobio

### [American-born Muslims more likely than Muslim immigrants to see negatives in U.S. society](#)

(September 26, 2017)

By Claire Gecewicz and Besheer Mohamed

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### [U.S. Muslims Concerned About Their Place in Society, but Continue to Believe in the American Dream](#) (Findings from Pew Research Center's 2017 survey of U.S. Muslims JULY 26, 2017)

You can read this article on-line with the link above. If you want more details (which include Demographic portrait of Muslim Americans, Identity, assimilation and community, The Muslim American experience in the Trump era, Political and social views, Terrorism and concerns about extremism, religious beliefs and practices, and How the U.S. general public views Muslims and Islam), click on "Complete Report PDF" on the right column of the screen to download the full article. In this PDF file, you can also read the article '*U.S. Muslims Concerned About Their Place in Society, but Continue to Believe in the American Dream*' as it is displayed on-line by reading pages 5-29.

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### [Addressing Islamophobia on College Campuses](#)

[Like most Americans, U.S. Muslims concerned about extremism in the name of Islam](#) (August 14, 2017)

By Geneive Abdo

### YouTube/Videos/TEDTalks

[Breaking Bread and building Community](#): Facebook video of resistance to the bigotry of Muslims by Trump.

[The History of Islam in America](#) (55 minutes)

Is Islam new to America? Faraz Hamedani embarks on an incredible journey to investigate Islam's place and history in North America, travelling back in time to discover the timeline of hidden stories and characters from as early as the 1300's, up until the current climate of Islamophobia in American media and politics. An attempt to answer the defining question of a 21st Century United States: do Muslims have a place in America?

[American Muslim - Freedom, Faith and Fear](#) (46 minutes)

Ten years after the horrors of 9/11, we investigate the lives of Muslims in the USA

[Muslims in America](#)

[Inside Islam](#) - The History Channel (Full video is 1.5 hours)

[Islam: An American Faith](#) (Full Documentary is 28 minutes)

[Tedtalk: What does my headscarf mean to you?](#)

By Yassmin Abdel-Magied

**[Tedtalk: Don't feel sorry for refugees — believe in them](#)**

By Luma Mufleh

Mufleh shares stories of hope and resilience, explaining how she's helping young people from war-torn countries navigate the difficult process of building new homes. Get inspired to make a personal difference in the lives of refugees with this powerful talk.

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**[Tedtalk: Let's help refugees thrive, not just survive](#)**

By Melissa Fleming

**[Islam In America: The Christian Truth](#)** (53 minutes)

Is Islam incompatible with democracy? Is Islam a violent religion? "Islam in America: The Christian Truth" tells the truth about American Muslims....You will be surprised by persons who encountered Muslims with suspicion, but found instead life-long friends.

**[Life of an American Muslim](#)** (12 minutes)

By Rabiya Suedar and Brandy Ruedas

Created in 2012 - Students and teachers at Mission High School discuss Islam and the Muslim culture.

**[Tedtalk: What it's like to be Muslim in America](#)**

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## **Section 9: Prayer Resources and Other Rituals**

**[The Elimination of Racism](#)** – By the Sisters of Mercy

**[Prayer for Dismantling Racism](#)** – By the Sisters of Providence

**[A Prayer for Living in Harmony and in Peace](#)**, Catholic Health Association (can be downloaded as a PDF)

**["Grant Us Peace"](#)** by Phillipines

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**Section 10: Process Questions for Reflection**

**Process questions to help unpack discussion of written materials:**

1. What attracted or challenged me in this reading and why?
2. What did I resist and why?
3. What questions did this reading evoke in me? Answer for me?
4. What questions remain unanswered?
5. What are the implications for us as Dominican Sisters of Peace and Associates?

**Process questions to help unpack discussion of a film:**

1. What attracted or challenged me to the main characters and why?
2. What did I resist and why?
3. What questions did this film evoke in me? Answer for me?
4. What questions remain unanswered?
5. How did I feel about the resolution at the end of the film? What message did it hold?
6. What are the implications for us as Dominican Sisters of Peace and Associates?
7. What moments in this film stood out for you? Why?
8. What messages, emotions or ideas will you take away from this film? Why?
9. Were there any surprises? Anything that challenged what you know – or thought you knew?
10. What can we do in our individual lives to make sure others are treated with respect, and not based on stereotypes and prejudice?