

Virtual Culturally Responsive Resources: Middle Schoolers

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Centering Black Middle Schoolers For Caregivers, Education Staff and Students	
Title/Name	Themes
Mindful Moments with JusTme *	Using Breath as an anchor (Video)
Black Education Matters: Resource Bank *	“Resource bank featuring books, authors, activities, & other curriculum materials designed to affirm and inspire Black youth, educate educators, & diversify curriculums.”
Good Night, Black Child on Apple Podcasts *	Podcast featuring sleep stories and meditations for Black children around the world. Created by arts educators Brittany Harris and Melle Phillips, GNBC uses folk tales, original stories, and music to help still the wise minds in young people.
children's books by Black authors – the conscious kid *	List of over 100 titles for ages 0-18 features all Black authors.
Curriculum Resource Guide - BLM AT SCHOOL *	Free and downloadable resource with lessons designed to challenge racism, oppression, and build happy classrooms.
Black Boys Matter: Strategies for a Culturally Responsive Classroom *	Article
History Of Africa with Zeinab Badawi	Video Playlist
Black History and Culture	Explore the history, arts and culture of Black experience in the United States. Collection of artifacts, videos, biographies, photos and art.
CCADI: Virtual Village	Cultural learning For K-12 students, dances of the African Diaspora, meditative yoga moments and arts practice
CCCADI SouSou! Saturdays Monthly Programming	Virtual programming for families to enjoy storytelling, dance, music workshops and art at home, ages 4-11

Black Lives Matter : K-8 Learning Activities for Justice for George Floyd	Featured books, worksheets and discussion starters
Institutionalized Racism: A Syllabus	Syllabus
Through Culture We resist: African Diaspora Cultural Arts & Social Justice	New York Collective of Radical Educators present an expansive book of suggested curriculum, lesson plans and narratives

Activities <i>For Caregivers and Their Children</i>	
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Native Education for All *	Grades 6-8 assorted at home activities and lessons.
Brick by Brick: the LGBTQ Advocacy Curriculum *	Curriculum, LGBTQ history, social change within schools, identity 5 module curriculum, activities, discussion
Native American Teaching Activities *	Activities across themes covering multiple time periods for G 3-12
Home Native Knowledge 360° - Interactive Teaching Resources *	Educational materials, virtual student programs, and teacher training that challenge common assumptions about Native peoples.
Recorded Student Webinars Native Knowledge 360° - Interactive Teaching Resources *	Student Webinars
Mind Up for Life *	Social emotional learning program grounded in neuroscience, mindful awareness and positive psychology, supporting children from 3 to 14 years of age. Free membership available.
New! Mindfulness of Emotions - Free: Online Mindfulness Class for Kids!	Mindful Classes for kids K-12
Yoga N Da Hood	Free virtual yoga classes
Smithsonian Education Guides 4-21-2020	Spreadsheet of games and activities on subjects such as art design, science, history and culture. (Spanish resources also available)

Teaching Tolerance Classroom Lessons and Resources	Ready-to-use classroom lessons offer breadth and depth, spanning essential social justice topics and reinforcing critical social emotional learning skills.
Covid Crisis: A Lesson on Feelings and Language for MS and HS	Lesson and activities to help students identify their feelings
Teaching Self-Care for Middle & High School: Breathing	This lesson has young people explore how we can use breathing to care for ourselves during times of stress – and reflect on how that works for different people.
Teaching for Social Justice with Comics	Explore comics as a cultural and an educational lens.

Books/Stories and Book Lists for Middle Schoolers	
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The 1619 Project: Books*	Nikole Hannah-Jones, The New York Times Magazine’s award-winning “1619 Project” reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative
American Indians / Indigenous Peoples / Native Nations Book List*	Social Justice Books, Book List by Debbie Reese of American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL)
Asia and Asian Americans*	Social Justice Books, Book List
The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks: Young Readers Edition*	Book recommendation. Biography of Rosa Parks, examines her six decades of activism instead of an accidental actor in the Civil Rights Movement.
Storyweaver*	Digital stories, read alouds, and videos in French and Hindi. Preschool - 8th grade.
Multicultural and Social Justice Books - Social Justice Books*	Multicultural and social justice books for children and YA
Get Epic	Digital Library for Kids 12 & under
Lee and Low Books	Multicultural Children’s Book Publisher

Free Online Cantonese Literature	Archive of free novels and e-books for Cantonese learners
Brooklyn Library	Virtual Storytime, Jam Sessions and Other Literacy Virtual Programs
New York Public Library, SimplyE	E Reader app to access NYPL books
People's History Podcasts for Young People	Learn how power, identity, and social context impact our understanding of current and past history.
Colours of Us	Asian & Asian American Children's Book for ages 0-18
Haymarket Books for Young Readers	List of favorite books for young readers

Other Resources <i>For Caregivers</i>	
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CCRE All Hands In Interactive Resource Guide 2018 <i>Download recommended to access interactive features</i>	Culturally Responsive Practice; Anti-bias Resources; Healing-centered Engagement Videos; Articles; Activities
NYC Liberation School*	Resources and support for marginalized students. Inspired by the tradition of Black Freedom Schools in the 1960s.
Edraak	Arabic educational resources For grades K-12, parents and educators
YouthRemoteLearning.com	Platform connecting students with free online courses G K-12 that will help to promote intellectual curiosity.
Best Special Education Apps and Websites	Recommended special education apps Address foundational skills, boost social and emotional skills, and help kids with autism follow a schedule.
The Center: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center	Remote services, online groups and resources centered on empowering LGBT people and community

<u>TrevorSpace - Community for LGBTQ Young People</u>	<p>Networking site for LGBTQ youth, to connect with one another</p>
<u>Think Indigenous - Online Indigenous Education</u>	<p>Educators across Turtle Island provide online learning opportunities for students, families, and educators.</p>
<u>NYPL Free Online Tutoring and More with Brainfuse</u>	<p>K-12 students can get free, one-on-one tutoring in English and Spanish every day from 2 to 11 p.m.</p>
<u>HOMESCHOOL COOPERATIVE 2020 - Home</u>	<p>Free classes for Ages 2 up to high school. Sample classes: Stories, arts and craft, cooking, gardening, history, science, and more.</p>