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Ten Resources for Understanding Racial Injustice in America

1. [Killer Mike of Run the Jewels drops wisdom](#). "I'm mad as hell. I woke up wanting to see the world burn down yesterday because I'm tired of seeing Black men die. He casually put his knee on a human being's neck for nine minutes as he died like a Zebra in the clutch of a Lion's jaw, and we watch like murder porn over and over again. So that's why children are burning it to the ground: they don't know what else to do. And it is the responsibility of us to make this better. Right now."
2. The eloquence and frustration of James Baldwin speak splendidly to our times. [This 2016 Netflix documentary](#) produced by Humboldt University alum Raoul Peck highlights, perhaps celebrates, his analyses of race in America.
3. [How to Educate Yourself About Racism and White Privilege](#): this link gives insight on how to educate oneself on what is happening in America, racism, and white privilege. It goes on further to give three books that dive into these topics and a few podcasts as well.
4. [This article](#) from Atlantic Monthly is about how blacks were prohibited from entering the middle class because they were never able to achieve that final badge of entry: a house of their own. It dives into the economic violence committed against blacks, the unscrupulous lending practices designed to hold them back, and ultimately raises the question of reparations owed to African Americans for the generations of violence and trauma they've suffered.
5. Racism is prevalent among all ethnicities — especially Latinx communities. Understanding multidimensional race within minority groups can clarify the effects that colorism has on latino communities, as colorism contributes to "anti-blackness". The background of anti-blackness within Latinx communities and the effects are covered within [this article](#).

6. *The Bluest Eye* is a 1970 novel written by author Toni Morrison wherein she addresses the effects of racism and the “white gaze”. To understand race and racism in America, you have to read Toni Morrison’s works — both for her complicated and moving portrayals of African American life and struggles and for the cultural impact of this Nobel Prize winner. Already read *The Bluest Eye*? Try *Beloved* or *Sula*. [Read the full novel here.](#)
7. [Watch](#) President Obama and a panel of experts discuss the current horrors, the history of police brutality in America, and reforms and measures to combat systemic racism and rethink the implementation of law enforcement.
8. [This article](#) in the *New Yorker* published the year of the 50th anniversary of the Kent State shooting explores Backderf’s novel “Kent State: 4 Dead in Ohio.” It further details the college shootings of Jackson State in 1970 and addresses violent protesting and policing during riots mirroring that of today.
9. [A list of petitions](#) to sign demanding justice for the countless Black lives lost.
10. [Lawyer Eve Cornwall discusses and explains](#) the immense difficulty of prosecute law enforcement officers in the USA through an entertaining analysis of American law.

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