HISTORY/IMPORTANT BLACK THINKERS

Historical Context Articles

Timeline of anti-black violence and legislation (1619-present, not exhaustive--**IMPORTANT STARTING PLACE!**)
https://www.theroot.com/a-timeline-of-events-that-led-to-the-2020-fed-up-rising-1843780800

Brief history of slavery, slave patrols, and policing in America:
https://plsonline.eku.edu/insidelook/brief-history-slavery-and-origins-american-policing

Slave patrols were the first police:

How the US formed its first police force:
https://time.com/4779112/police-history-origins/

Why police brutality is not just about a free bad apples:

The connection between slave patrols, Jim Crow, and modern profiling:

Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome:
https://www.joydegruy.com/post-traumatic-slave-syndrome


Tulsa Race Riot of 1921

Tulsa Race Riot and the massacre of Black Wall Street:

GRAPHIC illustrated telling of Tulsa Massacre:
The history behind the phrase, “when the looting starts, the shooting starts”:
https://www.npr.org/2020/05/29/864818368/the-history-behind-when-the-looting-starts-the-shooting-starts

What the 1960’s protests can tell us about modern protests:
https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/what-the-1960s-can-teach-us-about-modern-day-protests

Use of neck restraints by Minneapolis over the last five years:

Historical context for looting as a form of protest:
https://thenewinquiry.com/in-defense-of-looting

More about looting:
https://soletstalkabout.com/2020/05/28/how-to-respond-to-riots-never-solve-anything

Kimberle’ Crenshaw (EXPERT ON RACE LAW!) on intersectionality:

Audre Lorde’s speech about how to use anger:

Black Lives Matter, on stage (theatre focus)
https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/11/28/black-lives-matter-onstage

Current Events

Basics of what is happening now:

Understanding the vital connection between Amy Cooper and George Floyd:

Use of the word "violence" and where the violence originates by Rebecca Solnit:
https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jun/01/george-floyd-riots-violence-damage-property-police-brutality
State sanctioned violence vs protestor violence and how framing matters:

Breonna Tyler was shot in her own home as she slept, where is her outrage?
https://medium.com/@rscott14/where-is-the-outrage-for-breonna-taylor-f2f7ed762e79

Amy Siskind’s The List (Started in November of 2016, it chronicles authoritarian changes in US politics that include civil rights):
https://theweeklylist.org/weekly-list/week-185/

Black activist teen, Nupol Kiazolu, you should know about:

Black Women Writers Reading List (trans inclusive):

African American Museum of History and Culture release about race:

Reparations (how they differ from charity)

Basics of reparations
https://fee.org/articles/the-case-for-voluntary-reparations/

Reparations doesn’t just mean money, it means REPAIR:

What reparations could look like:

Reparations happening NOW at the local level:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/01/31/slavery-reparations-seem-impossible-many-places-theyre-already-happening/?arc404=true
The role of philanthropy in funding black-led movements and how funding “interventions” is not the same:
https://nonprofitquarterly.org/dear-philanthropy-these-are-the-fires-of-anti-black-racism

Defunding

That does defunding the police mean, and how is it different from reform?
https://www.thenation.com/article/activism/defund-police-protest/

Online Databases

MPD 150 (resources on the 150 year history of MN police dept):
https://www.mpd150.com/resources/

Videos

Trevor Noah on connecting the events of COVID, Amy Cooper, and George Floyd:
https://youtu.be/v4amCfVbA_c

Press conference by the friends of George Floyd:
https://youtu.be/z_zoLiFqqNM

Tamika Mallory Press Conference:
https://youtu.be/2wxAhGhHZMI

Jim Crow documentary (PBS):
https://youtu.be/XWQfDbbQv9E

SELF-EDUCATION

Books by black authors for white people

So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo
BUY: sealpress.com/titles/ijeoma-oluo/so-you-want-to-talk-about-race/9781580056779/
READ:
How to be an Anti-Racist, by Ibram X. Kendi

Another great list of books by black authors:
https://www.vogue.co.uk/arts-and-lifestyle/article/black-lives-matter-reading-list

Read to your young siblings, relatives, and more!
a kids book about racism, by Jelani Memory
LISTEN/READ: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnaltG5N8nE

POD CASTS

Seeing White Pod cast (How to unpack whiteness as a white person)
https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/

Additional Resources for Being an Anti-Racist Ally

Me and White Supremacy (Good place to start):
http://laylafsaad.com/meandwhitesupremacy

HUUUGE blog that contains a compilation of resources for white folks:
https://www.conspireforchange.org

There’s not such thing as “not racist” (only racist or anti-racist):

75 things you can DO to interrupt racism, no matter where you live:
https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234

Your black friends are not okay (how white people can avoid adding to hurt):

How to support the Black Lives Matter Movement:
https://www.teenvogue.com/story/support-the-black-lives-matter-movement

How to be a better white ally (from donations to reading materials):
How to Take Action (self-work and community work)

26 Actions to take outside of protesting:
https://issuu.com/nlc.sf.2014/docs/beyondthestreets_final

Great resource on how to be an actor, ally, and accomplice for CHANGE:
https://www.whiteaccomplices.org

How to end police brutality in your community (a multilayered approach):

https://ideas.ted.com/how-you-can-be-an-ally-in-the-fight-for-racial-justice


https://www.teenvogue.com/story/white-people-can-hold-each-other-accountable-to-stop-institutional-racism

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/11/28/black-lives-matter-onstage

Protest Etiquette
Black perspective on what to consider BEFORE coming to a protest:
https://wearyourvoicemag.com/white-people-blacklivesmatter-protests/

IF you go, LISTEN to black-leadership:
https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/clarissajanlim/protesters-violence-george-floyd

Ithaca Teen shares how to be a white ally:
https://www.14850.com/053114039-white-ally-nina/

Local Organizations to Support

Don’t Shoot Portland, a community action plan: www.dontshootpdx.org

Momentum Alliance, a youth-of-color led social justice organization: momentumalliance.org
Portland African American Leadership Forum, supporting civic participation and leadership: paalf.org

Urban League of Portland, one of Oregon’s oldest civil rights and social service orgs: ulpdx.org

Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs, serving the Black community in Oregon: oaba.us

Color of Change, a national organization demanding justice for the recent murders: https://colorofchange.org/campaigns/active/