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SHOULD I WAIT FOR MY CHILD TO BRING UP A RACIAL SITUATION BEFORE ADDRESSING RACISM WITH THEM?

No. You don't want your child to feel blindsided and ill equipped to handle a potential situation. Use your best judgement when disclosing the various levels to racism, as you want the information to be an easily digestible dose of information suitable for their respective age(s).

VOTING? THERE ARE SO MANY STIGMA'S AROUND WHETHER OUR VOTE COUNTS OR THE TRUE IMPACT OF OUR VOTE. DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR INTRODUCING CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS TO VOTING?

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WHAT ARE SOME WAYS TO INTRODUCE BLACK HISTORY AND HISTORICAL BLACK FIGURES TO MY CHILDREN?

Just as we introduce our children to varying cultural elements it's imperative for us to introduce them to black history. One way that you can do this is by allocating a designated day and time to talk about black culture. You can rotate the conversation between the arts, history, and present day black culture... especially if distance learning or home schooling is in your future.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SPEAK TO CHILDREN ABOUT RACISM?

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I AM BLACK - ACTION PLAN

TIPS FROM OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS:

It's important to help paint a clear and reasonable picture for children to understand the depth of systematic racism. It's our job as a society to ensure that children are aware of key moments in black history so they are culturally conscious and not swindled into thinking that random racist events of today are a "one off".

As a child, most things are relational - so, in order for the injustices of today to be understood - we have to share how racism has been inherited throughout history.

Racism is one constant thread that has woven itself into the fabric of America. Children need to understand that.



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**"I LEARNED MORE ABOUT BLACK HISTORY DURING THE 'I AM BLACK' DOCUMENTARY THAN ALL MY HISTORY CLASSES."
- TAYLOR
(11TH GRADE)**

POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING

- Eyes on The Prize
- Ava Duvermay's "Selma"
- I Am Not Your Negro
- Spike Lee's "Do The Right Thing"
- 1963: The Year That Changed Everything
- The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till
- I AM BLACK

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