

Americans Who Tell the Truth

Racial Justice Resources

Use this resource page to guide your students as they learn about AWTT portrait subjects who have engaged with **Racial Justice** issues.

Essential Questions:

- What is racial justice?
- How does racial justice differ from racial equality?
- What are stereotypes, and how are they created?
- What factors shape our identity, and how do they benefit/harm us?
- What influences decision making about racial justice?

Truth Tellers and Racial Justice

Lesson: Who are the AWTT Portrait Subjects?

Using our lesson plan [Who are the AWTT portrait subjects?](#), choose three of the portrait subjects listed below. This lesson will help students learn more about the portrait subjects' lives and their commitment to racial justice.

[Stacey Abrams](#)

[Michelle Alexander](#)

[Ella Baker](#)

[Denise Altvater](#)

[Tarana Burke](#)

[Claudette Colvin](#)

[Maulian Dana Bryant](#)

[Frederick Douglass](#)

[Alicia Garza](#)
[Dick Gregory](#)
[Fannie Lou Hamer](#)
[Langston Hughes](#)
[John Hunter](#)
[Barbara Johns](#)
[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)
[John Lewis](#)
[Malcolm X](#)
[Bree Newsome](#)
[Debbie Njai](#)
[Rosa Parks](#)
[Eleanor Roosevelt](#)
[Rachel Talbot Ross](#)
[Sojourner Truth](#)
[Harriet Tubman](#)
[Ida B. Wells](#)

Lesson: Speaking Truth to Youth - Racial Justice (video interviews)

Use our [Speaking Truth to Youth Intro Lesson](#) to explore three of these portrait subjects and what we can learn from them.

[Betty Burkes](#)
[Maulian Dana Bryant](#)
[Deqa Dhalac](#)
[Kim Harris](#)
[Reggie Harris](#)
[Amara Ifeji](#)
[LeAlan Jones](#)
[Jonathan Kozol](#)
[Sherri Mitchell](#)
[Bryan Stevenson](#)
[Dawn Wooten](#)
[Dave Zirin](#)

Other resources to explore:

[Learning for Justice](#)

[Educator Tools for Teaching about Race](#) (Smithsonian)

[Facing History and Ourselves: Racial Justice Resources](#)

Integrate AWTT Activities into multiple content areas:

Connect what your students are learning in a variety of content areas – science, social studies, English language arts, math, creative arts – by completing the following activities:

- Select four of the suggested portraits. After reading the bios, discuss the meaning of the quotes. What challenges do the quotes present?
- Dig deeper! Register for the [Samantha Smith Challenge](#) to help your students take a deeper dive into Racial Justice.