

TRANSFORM

“THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG, BUT IT BENDS TOWARD JUSTICE”

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

4-Week Anti-Racism Challenge (ARC)

WEEK 3:

This is your *own personal journey*. To participate, we ask that you complete at least 3 activities this week. You can use the ARC Tracking tool below to monitor your progress. Choose from of the following:

WATCH/LEARN: James Baldwin’s “The Price of the Ticket.” On KET. Free for members. (\$5.00 per month for a membership.)

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/james-baldwin-film-james-baldwin-the-price-of-the-ticket/2632/>

LEARN / SUPPORT: The new International African American museum opening in South Carolina January 2023 at the wharf where the first slaves landed.

<https://iaamuseum.org/>

READ: At a time of educational censorship and “anti-crt” legislation, some schools are promoting learning our true history. Read about this 60-school pilot project offering AP classes in African American History.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/ap-african-american-studies-coming-to-u-s-high-schools-180980689/>

LEARN / VISIT: When the Louisville Western Branch Library opened in 1905, it took its place in history as the first in the nation to provide library services exclusively for the African American community, using only African American staff. For nearly a full century, the Louisville Western Branch Library has remained a separate and distinct flame: an unwavering source of individual self-enlightenment and a beacon of community strength and support.

Western Library

604 South Tenth Street, Louisville, KY 40203

Learn more about this historic library: <https://www.lfpl.org/separateFlame/>

WATCH: Footage from interviews taken in 1931 with people who had been enslaved in the south as they speak of the brutalities endured during enslavement and the despair they often faced after “freedom” when turned out with no resources and no place to go.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZfcc21c6Uo>

READ: “Mississippi's Water Crisis Is a 'Textbook Case' of Environmental Racism. It's a perfect storm of failing infrastructure, flooding, and lack of response.”
<https://www.treehugger.com/mississippi-water-crisis-environmental-racism-6543697>

WATCH: Listen Learn Act class with guest speaker Kentucky Rep. Attica Scott who lives in west Louisville and knows firsthand the barriers for health equity. Attica begins by asking us to be ACCOMPLICES, not just advocates or allies, in dismantling racism.
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/RzqpZbNwUNnlGq2quHry7KSGf-NLx13vkDSWs0XEymbgupW-6Z_FRlqAPplyEJY4.u1tzRBqpFAPUw8bH?startTime=1664887349000
Passcode: iC@W2rhi

LEARN: This article was recently posted to Louisville Metro Councilman Jecorey Arthur’s facebook page. “One Way to Reduce Crime: Repairing Housing”
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-08-31/a-surprising-lever-for-reducing-crime-housing-repairs>

WATCH: Lisa Nichols, motivational speaker, on her audition for “Charlie’s Angels.”
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2477983179178665>

SUPPORT/DONATE: Men of Quality nation-wide mentoring program for African-American males in grades 6-12. The goal is to help young men set realistic goals, realize that the future belongs to those who are prepared, and become role models that can share their time, resources, and efforts in giving back to our community and our country. The program is offered in various elementary, middle and high schools throughout the (JCPS) Jefferson County Public School District.

We have developed a relationship with the chapter at Breckinridge Metro High School, led by long-time educator Kumar Rashad. They need funds to take the young men on field trips to important sites such as the statehouse in Frankfort, colleges and universities in Kentucky, Old Walnut Street (Louisville’s historic Black business District), Western library, as well as conferences. If you wish to donate, send checks to:

Breckinridge Metro High School Men of Quality. 1128 E. Broadway. Louisville, Ky 40204

WATCH: *Judas and the Black Messiah*, streaming on Hulu. The film looks at the time Chairman Fred Hampton (Daniel Kaluuya in a Golden Globe-nominated performance) spent with the Black Panther Party in Chicago, building the Rainbow Coalition, and the events that lead to his murder, which was orchestrated in part by information given to federal agents by William O'Neal, his security chief (Judas).

LEARN: This special program helps Black people become homeowners.

<https://www.blackenterprise.com/a-mortgage-loan-just-for-black-borrowers-offered-by-the-nations-largest-black-led-mortgage-company/>

CREATE your own anti-racism activity. If you like, **please share it** with us at dikerrigan@listenlearnact.org so we can pass the idea on to others. ***Thank you so much to those who've shared ideas with us!

CONNECT: Invite a friend to the 4-week ARC. Just send them this link to sign up!

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/TTPPib0/listenlearnact?source_id=5a627260-93c0-40b8-a69a-65892fe9a932&source_type=em&c=MnRQQRWakn5fccCy2RdhVABEpEMq7aHvbjVEKEKTnKL7c2efzRfuMQ==

Thank you for your commitment.

Debbi LaPorte and Di Kerrigan

Use the link below to copy or download the ARC Tracking Tool:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KshnjV-w4a7bxa5lyfdBfZ-GRX7TqypB/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116880872450525024851&rtpof=true&sd=true>