

TRANSFORM

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

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4-Week Anti-Racism Challenge (ARC)

WEEK 2: January 14 - January 20, 2022

Complete at least 3 activities this week. Use the ARC Tracking tool below to monitor your progress. Choose from the following:

LEARN: This week, President Biden made a fiery speech to Congress, urging the passage of voter protection laws. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer says he'll call a Senate vote by Jan 17 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). To better understand the issue, read the timeline below which details historically voting legislation and the suppression of Black votes in America.

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2021/05/politics/black-voting-rights-suppression-timeline/>

WRITE: Write your state Representative and Senator to resist proposed legislation that would stifle teaching the truth (HR 14 and 18) in our schools.

https://www.wdrb.com/news/opponents-rally-against-bills-opposing-critical-race-theory-in-kentucky-schools/article_e9e61202-7328-11ec-ad46-570bd6ab4e86.html

LEARN: Sign up for our next class, “Finding a Path Forward for Education Equity,” at the Earth and Spirit Center. This 6-week free course begins February 15th. Learn more here:

<https://www.earthandspiritcenter.org/class/listen-learn-act-finding-a-path-forward-in-west-louisville/>

READ: *The New Yorker* magazine’s “When Black History Is Unearthed, Who Gets to Speak for the Dead?”

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/10/04/when-black-history-is-unearthed-who-gets-to-speak-for-the-dead>

VISIT/LEARN ABOUT: New African American music museum in Nashville

https://www.npr.org/2021/10/13/1016619682/national-museum-african-american-music-nashville?utm_source=Louisville+Public+Media&utm_campaign=16a0a2dc23-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_08_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3e123d2345-16a0a2dc23-167708685&mc_cid=16a0a2dc23&mc_eid=502da585a0

READ/LEARN: The article below helps explain why we are so misinformed of our racial history. According to the 1957 history textbook titled *Cavalier Commonwealth—History and Government of Virginia*, slaves “Did Not Work So Hard...Had Advantages.” The textbook describes the circumstances of the American slave as follows: “.. his condition had its advantages . . . he enjoyed long holidays . . . he did not work so hard as the average free laborer, since he did not have to worry about losing his job. In fact, the slave enjoyed what we might call comprehensive social security. Generally speaking, his food was plentiful, his clothing adequate, his cabin warm, his health protected and his leisure carefree.”
Read more, and see additional photos of the textbook:

<https://bit.ly/3eHoF9d>

LEARN: Frazier Museum presents, *Let's Talk | Bridging the Divide: JCPS & Diversity: What Worked, What Didn't, and What's Next?* This panel discussion will center on a way forward with diversity, choice, and access to ensure success for all students. Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:30 - 8:00PM. There are in-person and virtual options.

<https://www.fraziermuseum.org/calendar/lets-talk-jcps-diversity>

READ: In the report, *An Unjust Burden: The Disparate Treatment of Black Americans in the Criminal Justice System*, authors analyze a variety of research in order to provide a holistic and succinct overview of institutional racism.

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/report-exposes-the-fallacies-of-black-criminality/>

VISIT/SUPPORT: The Carl and Anne Braden Center in Louisville, KY
To learn more about the story of the Bradens and Andrew and Charlotte Wade, watch *The Other America: An Anne Braden Story*. Click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Jri7XXzWow>

LISTEN: To Dan Harris' podcast, *White People Talking About Whiteness* on 10% Happier, as he has a conversation with Eleanor Hancock, the Executive Director of a group called White Awake.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/6IF8IS1mR49ydRMfQ1Uos0?mc_cid=a77fd66074&mc_eid=543665d5c5

CREATE your own anti-racism activity. If you like, please share it with us so we can pass the idea on to others.

CONNECT: Invite a friend to the 4-week ARC by either joining our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/2674114519578518/?epa=SEARCH_BOX or sign up for our newsletter at www.listenlearnact.org.

Thank you for your commitment. You inspire us.

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

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KshnjV-w4a7bxa5lyfdBfZ-GRX7TgypB/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116880872450525024851&rtpof=true&sd=true>