



Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Black Resource Guide

Below is a non-exhaustive list of resources to learn more about the Black diaspora. For questions, please email the Office of DEI at diversity@pratt.edu.

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Introduction & Definitions

Being Black goes far beyond the color of one's skin (phenotype). It is a personal, cultural, and political identity. The term Black carries a long history of western colonization, is different across societies and cultures and can vary based on geographical placement in the world as to who is classified as Black.

At its broadest definition, Blackness is a racialized classification of people, usually as a political and skin color-based category, for specific populations with a mid to dark brown complexion. In certain countries, often in socially based systems of racial classification in the Western world, Black is mainly used for people of Sub-Saharan African descent. Generally, Indigenous African societies do not use the term Black as a racial identity outside of influences brought by Western cultures.¹

Although its original usage was a pejorative, the term “Black” has been reclaimed by the community as early as the 1900s as in [W.E.B. DuBois’s classic, *the Souls of Black Folks*](#). The term became more popularized in the 1960s during the Civil Rights era. Activist Kwame Ture (born Stokley Carmichael) popularized the phrase [“Black Power” at a 1966 rally in Mississippi](#). Since then, through politicians and activists, “Black” became a word empowering the community showcasing international solidarity of Black people across the world.

The Black diaspora is global, from the Americas to the Caribbean, Asia, Europe, and beyond. While the following guide expands on the concepts presented in this introduction, it is not meant to encapsulate all experiences of Black people. Use this guide as a starting point to learn about the history and diversity of the Black community, and for resources supporting Black people.

1: Definition adapted and abbreviated from Keywords.nyupress.org. 2020. [Black | Keywords For American Cultural Studies](#), Second Edition.

On-Campus Organizations and Programs

- [Black Alumni of Pratt](#) (BAP): Founded in 1990 to identify and advance scholastic and professional opportunities for Pratt students and alumni of African and Latino descent
- [Black Student Union](#) (BSU): A student-run organization whose interests lay in the empowerment of students who identify as part of the Black Diaspora.
- [Black Studies Minor](#): Hosts classes offered across various disciplines at Pratt Institute that focus on Black aesthetic philosophies and design practices, culture, history, and politics.

Articles

- [“The 1619 Project”](#) by Nikole Hannah Jones, et al. (2020)
- [“America's long history of Black voter suppression”](#) by Brandon Tensley (2021)
- [“Anti-Blackness is everywhere”](#) by Michelle Chikaonda (2020)
- [“Black Gay History and the Fight Against AIDS”](#) by Dan Royle (2017)
- [“Black vs. African-American: The complex conversation Black Americans are having about identity #ForTheCulture”](#) by Michael Quander and Lauryn Froneberger (2020)
- [“Black History Month Isn't Racist, It's a Form of Reparations”](#) by Jenn M. Jackson (2020)
- [“Black Women Often Ignored by Social Justice Movements”](#) by Bryan Goodman (2020)
- [“The Case for Reparations”](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2014)
- [“Civil Rights Protests Have Never Been Popular”](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2017)
- [“The Experience of Black Undocumented Students”](#) by Best Colleges Staff Writers (2021)
- [“The Forgotten Social History of International Blackness”](#) by Minna Salami (2020)
- [“The Growing Diversity of Black America”](#) by Christine Tamir (2021)
- [“How the Africans Became Black”](#) by Wayétu Moore (2021)
- [“How a March for Black Trans Lives Became a Huge Event”](#) by Anushka Patil (2020)
- [“I Was Pregnant and in Crisis. All the Doctors and Nurses Saw Was an Incompetent Black Woman”](#) by Tressie McMillan Cottom (2019)
- [“In Solidarity: When Caribbean Immigrants Become Black”](#) by Anonymous (2015)
- [“‘Latinx for Black Lives’ Is Erasure, Not Allyship”](#) by Susan Morel (2020)
- [“Supporting Black LGBTQ Youth Mental Health”](#) by Tia Dole (2020)
- [“Two in three Black Americans don't see themselves represented in movies and TV, study says”](#) by Bryan Alexander (2020)
- [“The Vitality of Black Criticism”](#) by Daphne A. Brooks (2022)
- [“What It's Like to Be Black and Disabled in America”](#) by Shalene Gupta (2021)
- [“What Black Joy Means – And Why It's More Important Than Ever”](#) by Chante Joseph (2020)
- [“Who Gets To Be Afraid in America?”](#) by Ibram X. Kendi (2020)

Books

- Children's Books

- [*I Believe I Can*](#) by Grace Byers
- [*Imani's Moon*](#) by Janay Brown-Wood, Illustrated by Hazel Mitchell
- [*Lullaby \(For A Black Mother\)*](#) by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Sean Qualls
- [*Skin Like Mine*](#) by Latashia M. Perry
- [*Sulwe*](#) by Lupita Nyong'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
- [*Hair Love*](#) by Matthew A. Cherry
- [*Schomburg: The Man Who Built A Library*](#) by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Eric Velasquez
- Graphic Novels
 - [*Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet*](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Brian Stelfreeze
 - [*The Girl Who Married a Skull: And Other African Stories*](#) by Mary Cagle
 - [*Incognegro: A Graphic Novel*](#) by Mat Johnson
 - [*Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation*](#) by Octavia E. Butler, Damian Duffy, John Jennings
 - [*March: Book One, Two, & Three*](#) by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
 - [*Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty*](#) by G. Neri, Randy Duburke
- History & Politics
 - [*Are Prisons Obsolete?*](#) by Angela Davis
 - [*A Black Women's History of the United States*](#) by Daina Ramey Berry & Kali Nicole Gross (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*Making Black History: The Color Line, Culture, and Race in the Age of Jim Crow*](#) by Jeffrey Aaron Snyder
 - [*Black Against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party*](#) by Waldo E. Martin and Joshua Bloom (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*Black Marxism: The Making of the Black Radical Tradition*](#) by Cedric J. Robinson (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity*](#) by C. Riley Snorton
 - [*Black Power: Radical Politics and African American Identity*](#) by Jeffrey O. G. Ogbar (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*Clean and White: A History of Environmental Racism in the United States*](#) by Carl A. Zimring (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*](#) by Richard Rothstein
 - [*The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America*](#) by Khalil Gibran Muhammad (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement*](#) by Angela Davis
 - [*I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*](#) by Austin Channing Brown
 - [*The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism*](#) by Edward E. Baptist (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*The New Jim Crow*](#) by Michelle Alexander (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)

- [*Not Straight, Not White: Black Gay Men from the March on Washington to the AIDS Crisis*](#) by Kevin Mumford
- [*Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing*](#) by Dr. Joy DeGruy
- [*Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*](#) by Monique W. Morris (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
- [*The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*](#) by Isabel Wilkerson
- [*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*](#), by Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD
- Novels
 - [*A Raisin in the Sun*](#) by Lorraine Hansberry
 - [*Americanah*](#) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
 - [*Beloved*](#) by Toni Morrison
 - [*Black Leopard, Red Wolf*](#) by Marlon James
 - [*Children of Blood and Bone*](#) by Tomi Adeyemi
 - [*The Color Purple*](#) by Alice Walker
 - [*Freshwater*](#) by Akwaeke Emezi
 - [*Go Tell It on the Mountain*](#) by James Baldwin
 - [*Gingerbread*](#) by Helen Oyeyemi
 - [*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*](#) by Maya Angelou
 - [*Invisible Man*](#) by Ralph Ellison
 - [*Kindred*](#) by Octavia E. Butler (Ebook via Pratt Libraries)
 - [*The Hate U Give*](#) by Angie Thomas
 - [*Homegoing*](#) by Yaa Gyasi
 - [*Native Son*](#) by Richard Wright
 - [*Passing*](#) by Nella Larsen
 - [*Poet X*](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo
 - [*Queenie*](#) by Candice Carty-Williams
 - [*Red at the Bone*](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
 - [*The Street*](#) by Ann Petry
 - [*Their Eyes Were Watching God*](#) by Zora Neale Hurston
 - [*The Underground Railroad*](#) by Colson Whitehead
 - [*The Vanishing Half*](#) by Brit Bennett
- Memoirs
 - [*Between the World and Me*](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
 - [*Brown Girl Dreaming*](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
 - [*How We Fight for Our Lives*](#) by Saeed Jones
 - [*Hunger*](#) by Roxane Gay
 - [*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*](#) by Bryan Stevenson
 - [*Redefining Realness*](#) by Janet Mock

- [Sister Outsider](#) by Audre Lorde
- Poetry
 - [The BreakBeat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop](#) edited by Kevin Coval, Quraysh Ali Lansana, Nate Marshall
 - [Citizen: An American Lyric](#) by Claudia Rankine
 - [The Collected Poems](#) by Langston Hughes
 - [Directed by Desire](#) by June Jordan
 - [Selected Poems](#) by Gwendolyn Brooks
 - [The Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni](#) by Nikki Giovanni
 - [S O S: Poems 1961-2013](#) by Amiri Baraka

Films

- Documentaries
 - [13th](#) (2016) — Stream on Netflix and [free on YouTube](#)
 - [The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution](#) (2015) — Available to rent and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
 - [Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975](#) (2011) — Available to rent and stream via AMC+
 - [The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson](#) (2017) — Stream on Netflix
 - [I Am Not Your Negro](#) (2017) — Amazon Prime, Netflix, Hulu and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
 - [I Am Somebody](#) (1970) — Available to rent and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
 - [King In The Wilderness](#) (2018) — Available to rent and stream on HBO Max
 - [Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise](#) (2016) — Available to rent and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
 - [The Murder of Fred Hampton](#) (1971) — Available to rent and stream on HBO Max
 - [Paris is Burning](#) (1991) — Available to rent and stream on Criterion Channel
 - [Rest In Power: The Trayvon Martin Story](#) (2018) — Available to rent and stream on Paramount Plus
 - [Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People](#) (2014) — Available to rent and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
 - [TIME: The Kalief Browder Story](#) (2017) — Stream on Netflix
 - [Time](#) (2020) — Stream on Amazon Prime
 - [Tongues Untied](#) (1989) — Available to rent
 - [Whose Streets?](#) (2017) — Available to rent
- Narrative Films
 - [Atlantics](#) (2019) — Stream on Netflix
 - [Bamboozled](#) (2000) — Available to rent
 - [Black Orpheus](#) (1959) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
 - [Black Panther](#) (2018) — Stream on Disney+ and available to rent
 - [Blackkklansman](#) (2018) — Available to rent and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
 - [Blindspotting](#) (2018) — Available to rent
 - [Body and Soul](#) (1925) — Stream on Criterion Channel and on [YouTube](#)

- [Boyz N' Da Hood](#) (1991) — Stream on Hulu and available to rent
- [Breakin'](#) (1984) — Available to rent
- [Carmen Jones](#) (1954) — Available to rent
- [City of God](#) (2002) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [Claudine](#) (1974) — Available to rent
- [The Color Purple](#) (1985) — Available to rent
- [Daughters of the Dust](#) (1991) — Stream on Criterion Channel and available to rent
- [Dear White People](#) (2014) — Stream on Netflix and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
- [Do The Right Thing](#) (1989) — Stream on Amazon Prime and available to rent
- [Eve's Bayou](#) (1997) — Stream on Amazon Prime and available to rent
- [Fruitvale Station](#) (2013) — Stream on Showtime and available to rent
- [Get Out](#) (2017) — Available to rent
- [Girlhood](#) (2014) — Stream on Showtime and available to rent
- [House Party](#) (1990) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [Judas and the Black Messiah](#) (2021) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [Killer of Sheep](#) (1978) — Available to rent
- [Lady Sings the Blues](#) (1972) — Available to rent
- [Losing Ground](#) (1982) — Stream on Criterion Channel and available to rent
- [Love & Basketball](#) (2000) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [Love Jones](#) (1997) — Available to rent
- [Malcolm X](#) (1992) — Stream on HBO Max and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
- [Menace II Society](#) (1993) — Available to rent
- [Miss Juneteenth](#) (2020) — Available to rent
- [Moonlight](#) (2016) — Stream on Showtime and available to rent
- [One Night in Miami](#) (2020) — Stream on Prime
- [Passing](#) (2021) — Stream on Netflix
- [Pariah](#) (2011) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [Poetic Justice](#) (1993) — Stream on Prime and available to rent
- [A Raisin in the Sun](#) (1961) — Available to rent
- [Selma](#) (2014) — Available to rent and [via Pratt Libraries](#)
- [Set It Off](#) (1996) — Available to rent
- [Sorry to Bother You](#) (2018) — Available to rent
- [To Sleep with Anger](#) (1990) — Available to rent
- [Touki Bouki](#) (1973) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [Waiting to Exhale](#) (1995) — Stream on HBO Max and available to rent
- [The Watermelon Woman](#) (1996) — Stream on Showtime and available to rent
- [The Wiz](#) (1978) — Available to rent

- Television Shows
 - [A Different World](#) (1987-1993) — Stream on HBO Max
 - [Atlanta](#) (2016-) — Stream on Hulu

- [Black-ish](#) (2014-) – Stream on Hulu
- [Dear White People](#) (2017-2021) – Stream on Netflix
- [Everybody Hates Chris](#) (2005-2009) — Stream on Paramount+
- [Family Matters](#) (1989-1998) — Stream on Hulu
- [The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air](#) (1990-1996) — Stream on HBO Max
- [Girlfriends](#) (2000-2008) – Stream on Netflix
- [I May Destroy You](#) (2020) – Stream on HBO Max
- [Insecure](#) (2016-2021) — Stream on HBO Max
- [The Jeffersons](#) (1975-1985) – Stream on Amazon Prime
- [Living Single](#) (1993-1998) – Stream on Hulu
- [Moesha](#) (1996-2001) — Stream on Netflix
- [Roots](#) (1977) – Stream on HBO Max
- [Sister, Sister](#) (1994-1999) – Stream on Netflix
- [When They See Us](#) (2019) – Stream on Netflix

Guides

- [Afrofuturism Resource Guide](#) (Pratt Library)
- [Black History Month Resource Guide](#) (Pratt Library)
- [Black History Month Resource Guide for Educators and Families](#) (Center for Racial Justice in Education)
- [Black Lives Matter Resource Guide](#) (Pratt Library)
- [Black Lives Matter Resources](#) (Pratt Black Student Union)
- [Support Black Business](#) (Google Doc)

Organizations

- Audre Lorde Project: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- [Black, Disabled and Proud](#): A website for Black disabled college students
- Black Futures Lab: [Website](#)
- Black Lives Matter: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
 - Black Lives Matter has various local chapters. Find local chapters [here!](#)
- Black Women’s Blueprint: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- BYP100: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)
- Color Of Change: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Colorlines: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Partial Map of Black-led Black Liberation Organizing: [Website](#)
- The Movement for Black Lives: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Youtube](#)
- NAACP: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- National Urban League: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Youtube](#)

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- NAACP Legal Defense Fund: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- SisterSong: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Southern Poverty Law Center: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- United Negro College Fund: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- United We Dream: [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)
- Woke Vote: [Website](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

Podcasts

- [1619 \(New York Times\)](#): An audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling.
- [Afropunk Solution Sessions](#): AFROPUNK SOLUTION SESSIONS brings together the people with the tools, the experience, and the resolve to solve the issues facing our community. An event-based platform and content series, SOLUTION SESSIONS engages social activists, experts, and entrepreneurs.
- [Black Girl Song Book](#): Renowned music journalist Danyel Smith explores the anatomy of how memorable songs are constructed.
- [H.E.R Space](#): Hosted by Dominique Broussard and Terri Lomax; uplifting conversations for Black women.
- [Let's Talk Bruh: Podcast on Black Masculinity](#): A platform that creates content around Black masculinity and the impact of patriarchy in Black communities.
- [The Nod](#): Brittany Luse and Eric Eddings gleefully explore all the beautiful, complicated dimensions of Black life.
- [The Read](#): Join bloggers Kid Fury and Crissle for their weekly podcast covering hip-hop and pop culture's most trying stars.
- [Still Processing](#): Wesley Morris and Jenna Wortham are working it out in this weekly show about culture in the broadest sense.
- [Therapy for Black Girls](#): A weekly chat about all things mental health, personal development, and all the small decisions we can make to become the best possible versions of ourselves.

Videos

- [A Conversation on Race and Privilege with Angela Davis and Jane Elliott](#) (YouTube)
- [A Conversation on Race: A series of short films about identity in America](#) (New York Times)
- [Black Feminism & the Movement for Black Lives Panel: Barbara Smith, Reina Gossett, Charlene Caruthers](#) (YouTube)
- [Why Do We Say "African American"?](#) (Origin of Everything - PBS)
- [Undocumented and Black in America](#) (Define American)

Wellness

- [American Association of Black Psychologists: FamilyCare, CommunityCare and SelfCare Tool Kit](#)
- [Black Men Heal](#)
- [Black Wellness Guide by Chantal Feitosa](#): A comprehensive self-care guide promoting the advancement of mental, social, and physical wellness for Black-identifying people.
- [Harriet's Apothecary](#): An intergenerational, healing village led by the brilliance and wisdom of Black Cis Women, Queer and Trans healers, artists, health professionals, magicians, activists and ancestors.
- [Healing Resources for BIPOC Organizers & Allies Taking Action for Black Lives](#)
- [Liberate App](#): Meditation app for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color with free and reduced options.
- [The National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network](#)
- [New York City Healing Collective](#)
- [Therapists for Black Girls](#): Therapy For Children, Teens, Adults & Couples.
- [Therapy for Black Girls](#)
- [Therapy for Black Men](#)