

There are so many ways to speak up and act for change right now. One of the ways that I am working to affect change in my house is by consciously choosing the resources we use in our schooling. A move towards a decolonized homeschool is a slow process, for sure, but more and more excellent resources are available if you seek them out and make it a priority. I encourage you to do so. It's vital for us all to broaden the narrative and reframe how we see the world.

Plenty of people have comprehensive lists and I don't claim to be an expert, but I want to share what's on our bookshelves right now. This list is focused on African-American and Indigenous voices. Mind you, my kids are 10 and 12 so I don't have as many links for younger children. If you do have youngers, check out [Here Wee Read](#), [Lee and Low](#), and this list on [GoodReads](#).

Finally, when you do go to buy, I encourage you to seek out African-American owned online booksellers. Check out this [list](#) for sources.

### **Early Grades**

- [What Color is my World?](#) -Kareem Abdul Jabbar's account of African-American inventors
- [Maritcha](#) - An American girl story about an 18th century born as a free girl in the time of slavery
- [Jaden Toussaint](#) - We enjoyed this series of easy readers by Marti Dumas. We also loved her book [Jupiter Storm](#).
- [Poetry for Young People](#) - Langston Hughes

### **Middle Grade Reading**

- [March](#) - The John Lewis trilogy told as a graphic novel
- [In the Shadow of Liberty](#)
- [Jefferson's Sons](#)
- [Chains](#) - We have the entire series by Laurie Halse Anderson
- [How I Became a Ghost](#)
- [Elijah of Buxton](#)
- [One Crazy Summer](#) - oh how we loved this book!
- [Brown Girl Dreaming](#)
- [A Voice of Her Own](#) - The Story of Phyllis Wheatley
- [Black Heroes of the American Revolution](#)
- [Day of Tears](#)
- [Eliza's Freedom Road: An Underground Railway Diary](#)
- [I am the Darker Brother](#) - An Anthology of Modern Poems
- [Max Axiom](#) - this is a graphic novel series with science themes

### **“Textbooks”**

- [A Different Mirror for Young People](#) - A multi-cultural history of the United States
- [An Indigenous People's History of the United States for Young People](#)

- What the Eagle Sees - Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal - my daughter and I are loving this book and its companion book, Turtle Island
- A Young People's History of the United States
- Beyond Heroes and Holidays

### **Tools and Online Resources**

- Black History Flashcards
- Ted Ed Talks featuring African Americans - we will be working our way through these talks this summer
- HipHopHomeschoolers - I am curious about exploring lots of the resources mentioned on this site