## Resources on the Black Experience and Systemic Racism: Classic and Contemporary Resources

**Works by Imani Perry**

1. More Beautiful and More Terrible: The Embrace and Transcendence of Racial Inequality in the United States
2. “Tell us how it feels to be a problem”: Hip Hop Longings and Poor Young Black Men,” in Against the Wall: Poor, Young, Black, and Male (ed. Elijah Anderson)
3. Prophets of the Hood: Politics and Poetics in Hip Hop

### African American Classics

1. Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
2. Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*
3. Harriet Ann Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*
4. Eldridge Cleaver, *Soul on Ice*
5. Cornel West, *Prophesy Deliverance*
6. James Baldwin, *The Fire Next Time*
7. Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
9. Maya Angelou, *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*
11. Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*
12. Frantz Fanon, *Black Skin, White Masks*
13. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Stride Toward Freedom: “Pilgrimage to Nonviolence” available online*
14. Six Principles of Nonviolence, available online
15. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Why We Can’t Wait: “Letter from Birmingham Jail” available online*

### African American Films

1. The Black Power Mixtape
2. *Dark Girls*
3. *Dear White People*
4. *500 Years Later*
5. *Eyes on the Prize*
6. *Slavery By Another Name*
7. *Unforgivable Blackness*
8. *Good Hair*
9. *John Henrik Clarke: A Great and Mighty Walk*
10. *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*
11. *4 Little Girls*

## The Contemporary Scene I: First Steps

1. *15 Charts that Prove We’re Far From Post-Racial*
2. *18 Things White People Should Know/Do Before Discussing Racism*
3. *MLK – How Much Progress Have We Made Graphic:*
4. *Five Things You Should Know About Race in America*
5. *12 Things You Should Know About the Michael Brown Shooting*
6. *The Continuing Saga of Wealth Inequality Along Racial Lines*
8. *Medicine’s Unrelenting Race Gap*
9. *Brown v. Board at 60: Why Have We Been So Disappointed? What Have We Learned?*
10. Segregation Now by ProPublica
11. *Bill Moyers, Our Brains Perceive Race:*

## The Contemporary Scene II: Accessible Nonfiction

1. Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*
3. Ira Katznelson, *When Affirmative Action Was White*
4. Feagin, *The Many Costs of Racism*
5. Paul Taylor, *Race: A Philosophical Introduction*
6. Marcus Rediker, *Slave Ship*