

Abernethy Conversations about Race

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 6-8pm, Library

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Age-appropriate definitions of race

Starting point definitions...

RACE

K-2: Race is one way to divide humans into groups based on skin color.

3-5: Race is a socially constructed way of sorting people into groups based on skin color.

RACISM

K-2: Racism is being unfair or mean towards people of another race based on the belief of being better.

3-5: Racism is discriminatory or abusive behavior towards members of another race based on the belief of being superior.

Conversation starters

- TedEd video *The Science of Skin Color*
<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/the-science-of-skin-color-angela-koine-flynn>

- K-2 picture books
 - *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz
 - *Shades of People* by Shelly Rotner
 - *All the Colors We Are/Todos los colores de nuestra piel* by Katie Kissinger
 - *Skin Again* by bell hooks

- 3-5 picture books
 - *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz
 - *All the Colors We Are/Todos los colores de nuestra piel* by Katie Kissinger
 - *Skin Again* by bell hooks
 - *Let's Talk About Race* by Julius Lester

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