



Social Justice & Arts Resource Guide – Fall 2025

What is Social Justice? What Defines Social Justice Art?

Social Justice is the belief that everyone in society deserves equal social, economic and political rights; equal privileges; and equal opportunities...Social Justice depends on 4 essential goals: human rights, access, participation, and equity. Social Justice can't be achieved without these 4 principles.

-Human Rights Careers, 2024

Social justice art can be any expression of work related to public policy, racial inequity, injustice, human rights, or any other theme related to the oppression of a group of people. This art not only includes street artists' murals, but can include paintings, sculptures, film, theater, dance, music, written and spoken word, drawings, and digital graphics.

Social justice art is a form of artistic expression with a purpose. It serves as an outpouring of emotion reflecting how the community is feeling. These expressions often create a visual catalyst to engage community members in a conversation or encourage them to take certain action around the theme portrayed in the work of art.

- Wall of Justice, 2021



About This Resource

The materials appearing in this *Social Justice/Arts and Social Justice Resource Guide* represent the curating of many articles, lessons, publications, guides, book lists/titles, and videos from the summer of 2021 through the summer of 2025. They are included to provide background knowledge and inspiration for your social justice-themed student projects.

Diverse Literature resources for individual affinity/social justice groups including American Indian/Native American, Arab American, Asian American/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian, Black/African American, Homelessness/Poverty, Latinx/Hispanic, Jewish American, LGBTQIA+, Special Needs/Disabilities, and (Empowered) Women & Girls are included on the VEP website.

These affinity resources include similar materials to those in this resource but are specific to each affinity group but also provide comprehensive and valuable related materials.

- Michael Tapia, Member, VEP Board of Directors and Resource Curator



The Social Justice& Arts Resource Guide

Activities/Lessons

Social Justice/Art and Social Justice

- [Using Film to Teach Social Justice | Edutopia](#) Grade Level: 9-12
- [Incorporating Lessons on Activism in Grades 3–12 During Hispanic Heritage Month | Edutopia](#) Grade Level: 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
- [Developing a Social Justice Unit in High School English Language Arts | Edutopia](#)
- [Art and Social Justice | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12 Incorporates 7 videos for lessons
- [Reading Ads with a Social Justice Lens | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: K-1. 3-5
- [Teaching social justice in your classroom - The Edvocate \(theedadvocate.org\)](#) by Matthew Lynch, Jan. 9, 2019
- [Teaching Social Justice in High School | Learning to Give](#) Grade Level: 9,10,11, 12
- [What is a Hate Crime? | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 3-5, 6-8
- [Developing a Social Justice Unit in High School English Language Arts | Edutopia](#) by Charles Alexander, October 6, 2020
- [Exploring Social Justice Issues in Middle School Through Project-Based Learning | Edutopia](#) by Teague Tubach, July 31, 2020
- [A Social Justice Framework for Discussing Classic Literature | Edutopia](#) by Adam Mackie, May 19, 2019,
- [Make It Matter: Teach Justice | Edutopia](#) by Joshua Block, December 11, 2014
- [Art and Social Justice: What is a Portrait? | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: K-2, 3-5
- [Use "Rile 'Em Up" Music to Develop Cultural Empathy | Edutopia](#) by Suzanne Acord, Phd, October 15, 2014
- [Digital Activism Remixed: Hashtags for Voice, Visibility and Visions of Social Justice | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 6-8
- [Activism Online | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 3-5
- [Social Media for Social Action | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12

- [Reading Ads with a Social Justice Lens | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: K-2, 3-5
- [Using Editorial Cartoons to Teach Social Justice | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12
- [Art and Activism | Learning for Justice](#) (12 Mini Lessons), 2013 Grade Level: K-2, 3-5
- [Art and Community Activism | Learning for Justice](#) June 5, 2013, Grade Level: K-2, 3-5
- [I See You, You See Me: Body Image and Social Justice | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: K-2, 3-5,
- [Looking Closely at Ourselves | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
- [Understanding Prejudice through Paper Plate Portraits | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: K-2, 3-5
- [Different Colors of Beauty | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: K-2, 3-5
- [Community Arts Showcase | Learning for Justice](#) 2014 Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12
- [Consuming and Creating Political Art | Learning for Justice](#) 2014 Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12
- [Using Photographs to Teach Social Justice | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12
- [Painting a Just Picture: Art and Activism | Learning for Justice](#) (Webinar), 2021
- [Bring Social Justice Poetry to Your Classroom | Learning for Justice](#) 2012
- [Teaching Social Justice in Elementary Music Class | Learning for Justice](#) by Crystalyn Snow Boyer, 2018, Grade Level: K-5
- [Journalism for Justice | Learning for Justice](#) Grade Level: 6-8, 9-12
- [Toolkit for Lights, Camera, Social Action! | Learning for Justice](#) 2014
- *Diverse Literature Lesson Plans Lists (Teaching Tolerance)*
<https://www.tolerance.org/search?query=diverse%20literature%20lists>
- [Creating a Society That Ensures Safety for All | Facing History and Ourselves](#) 2021
- [Spanish for Social Justice Quiz - Spanish for Social Justice](#)
- [Resources - Spanish for Social Justice](#) , *Spanish for Social Justice*
- [Lesson: Exploring Social Inequality | Facing History](#) *Facing History and Ourselves*
- [Unit: Universal Declaration of Human Rights | Facing History](#) *Facing History and Ourselves*

- [Free Social Justice Lesson Plans and Classroom Resources \(weareteachers.com\)](#) by Tamara Moore, Jan. 27, 2023
- [22 Free Resources for Social Justice Lesson Plans - WeAreTeachers](#) by Megan DeMatteo, March 20, 2019
- [Transformational action through Art Build - NEA EdJustice](#) 2018
- [Social Justice Standards | Unpacking Action | Learning for Justice](#) 2014
- [Editorial Cartoon: Intolerance | Learning for Justice](#) (Series of 14 Lessons),
- [Social Justice Issues: Lesson Plans and Resources | Share My Lesson](#) (*aft*), *Colorín Colorado*
- [Art Tales for Pre-K \(nga.gov\)](#) Note: While not specifically addressing social justice, this and the other National Art Gallery lessons that follow might provide inspiration to develop social justice art with your students. MT
- [1-2 Lessons & Activities \(nga.gov\)](#)
- [3-5 Lessons & Activities \(nga.gov\)](#)
- [6-8 Lessons & Activities \(nga.gov\)](#)
- [9-12 Lessons & Activities \(nga.gov\)](#)

Articles/Guides/Publications

Social Justice/Arts & Social Justice/DEI

- [Following Students' Lead on Social Justice](#) *Educational Leadership* May 2023
- [Disciplinary Literacy as Social Justice](#) *Educational Leadership* May 2023
- [How to Create a Schoolwide Racial and Social Justice Initiative | Edutopia](#)
- [Incorporating Social Justice in the Curriculum in Middle and High School | Edutopia](#)
- [A Better Way to Teach the Civil Rights Movement | Edutopia](#)
- [How to Weave Social Justice Into Middle and High School Science Instruction | Edutopia](#) January 2021
- [The Power of Place: Art as a Tool for Social Justice | Learning for Justice](#) by Coshandra Dillard, Spring 2023
- [Artworks To Address Social Justice Issues With Students \(nga.gov\)](#)
- [What Is Social Justice Education? | Learning for Justice](#) April 24, 2023
- [Moving from Equity Awareness to Action \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023

- [Empathy as a Tool for Equity \(ascd.org\)](#) 2022
- [Following Students' Lead on Social Justice \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023
- [Advancing Social Justice Learning Through Data Literacy \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023
- [Strengthening Equity Work in the Face of Opposition \(ascd.org\)](#) 2022
- [Fighting for a Just Education at the Systems Level \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023
- [Building an Anti-Ableist Pedagogy \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023
- [Teach Up for Equity and Excellence \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023
- ["Be Ready for Us": Gender-Diverse Teachers Share Advice for School Leaders \(ascd.org\)](#) 2023
- [An Open Letter to Equity-Driven Educators \(ascd.org\)](#) 2022
- [Getting Beyond "Stuck" on Equity in Schools \(ascd.org\)](#) 2022
- [Why Classroom Equity Strategies Aren't Always Equal \(ascd.org\)](#) 2022
- [How to Bring Social Justice, Trauma-Informed Teaching, and SEL Into the Art Room - The Art of Education University](#)
- [NAEA Position Statement on Visual Arts Education and Social Justice • National Art Education Association \(arteducators.org\)](#) 2018, NAEA
- ["But He Looks Like Me. I Never Saw an Artist Look Like That" _ Making Connections to Social Justice Through Art.pdf](#) 2018, NAEA
- [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Remote Learning • National Art Education Association \(arteducators.org\)](#) (links to 19 different art resources), Aug. 2021, NAEA
- [Joyful learning at scale: Immersing students in the arts - kappanonline.org](#) by Linda F. Nathan, April 27, 2020, *Kappan*
- [How the arts can unlock a closed curriculum - kappanonline.org](#) by Scott Sikkema, et. al., April 26, 2021, *Kappan*
- [Our Social Justice Definitions | Resources | Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | Brandeis University](#) *Brandeis University*
- [Social Justice Definitions - NCCJ](#) *Social Justice Definitions, National Conference for Community and Justice*
- [Social justice - Oxford Reference](#) *Social Justice – Definition, Oxford Reference*

- [18474-abcs-of-social-justice \(lclark.edu\)](https://lclark.edu/18474-abcs-of-social-justice) *The ABC's of Social Justice A Glossary of Working Language for Socially Conscious Conversation*, Lewis and Clark College
- [Microsoft Word - Resource Doc.docx \(ala.org\)](https://ala.org/microsoft-word-resource-doc.docx) *Understanding Power, Identity, and Oppression [Definitions, Articles and videos, Additional Resources]*, developed by Katie Dover-Taylor and Amita Lonial, December 5, 2017, ALA
- [Glossary of Terms: Race, Equity and Social Justice | icma.org](https://icma.org/glossary-of-terms-race-equity-and-social-justice) (last revised May 2021), ICMA
- [Equity - Equity and Access \(CA Dept of Education\)](https://cde.ca.gov/equity) – *Equity – Fair outcomes, treatment, and opportunities for all students*, CDE
- [CMP Mission - Critical Media Project](https://criticalmedia.org/cmp-mission) *Critical Media Project Mission*
- [5 Civil Rights Murals about the Fight for Justice – Social Justice Art](https://socialjusticeart.org/5-civil-rights-murals-about-the-fight-for-justice-social-justice-art) by Emmaline Soken-Huberty, June 26, 2021
- [You searched for arts and social justice - YR Media](https://yrmedia.com/you-searched-for-arts-and-social-justice) *Arts and Social Justice [Search results]*
- [2020 Social Justice Art \(New\) — Creative Art Works](https://creativeartworks.org/2020-social-justice-art-new)
- [Art for Advocacy — Creative Art Works](https://creativeartworks.org/art-for-advocacy) Summer 2021
- [Editorial: Art plays a vital role in social justice movements | The Ithacan](https://theithacan.com/editorial-art-plays-a-vital-role-in-social-justice-movements) September 15, 2021
- [Programs — Creative Art Works](https://creativeartworks.org/programs)
- [2019—2020 youth Art Gallery — Creative Art Works](https://creativeartworks.org/2019-2020-youth-art-gallery)
- [Social Justice Through The Arts: Images Of Racial Reckoning | The Forum on Human Rights at The Carter Center | A collaborative community for human rights defenders](https://theforumonhumanrights.org/social-justice-through-the-arts-images-of-racial-reckoning) July 29, 2021
- [Social Justice Through The Arts: Chelsey Richardson - Bing video](https://theforumonhumanrights.org/social-justice-through-the-arts-chelsey-richardson) *The Forum on Human Rights at The Carter Center*
- [Community Engagement and Activism | The Forum on Human Rights at The Carter Center | A collaborative community for human rights defenders](https://theforumonhumanrights.org/community-engagement-and-activism)
- [Equity - Equity and Access \(CA Dept of Education\)](https://cde.ca.gov/equity)
- [California Arts Standards - Content Standards \(CA Dept of Education\)](https://cde.ca.gov/arts-standards) Adopted January 9, 2019
- [California Arts Education Framework - Visual & Performing Arts \(CA Dept of Education\)](https://cde.ca.gov/arts-education-framework) Adopted July 8, 2020
- [social justice through art | kidscreatechange](https://kidscreatechange.org/social-justice-through-art) *Social Justice Through Art: Sharing Our Own Stories*
- [10 Examples of Art for Social Justice – Social Justice Art](https://socialjusticeart.org/10-examples-of-art-for-social-justice) 2021

- [How the arts can be used as a tool for social justice \(iol.co.za\)](https://iol.co.za) by Danielle Hoffmeester, 2018
- [Students Explore Social Justice through Art - Positive Education Program \(pepcleve.org\)](https://pepcleve.org) 2020
- [The Power of Teachers to Transform | Harvard Graduate School of Education](https://www.harvard.edu) by Tauheedah Baker, 2020
- [Staging Change | Harvard Graduate School of Education](https://www.harvard.edu) *Staging Change - Three Ways Theater Build Community and Create a Platform for Social Justice* by Leah Schafer, 2017
- [Harvard EdCast: Social Justice Art | Harvard Graduate School of Education](https://www.harvard.edu) by Marit Dewhurst, 2014
- [Teaching Young Children About Bias, Diversity, and Social Justice | Edutopia](https://edutopia.org) by Jinnie Spiegler, June 16, 2016
- [Teaching for Equity and Social Justice \(ycdiversity.org\)](https://ycdiversity.org) *Youth Celebrate Diversity*
- [Art as Resistance, Part 1 | Learning for Justice](https://learningforjustice.org), by Jamilah Pitts, March 17, 2016
- [Art as Resistance, Part 2 | Learning for Justice](https://learningforjustice.org) by Jamilah Pitts, April 12, 2016
- [How art creates social change in 5 TED Talks - Cloudhead Art](https://cloudheadart.com) by Leigh Schulman, September 3, 2013,
- [Adaptation and Reimagination: Engaging Youth in Arts and Social Justice Virtually | ARTS Blog \(americansforthearts.org\)](https://americansforthearts.org) posted by Rena A. Cohen, July 30, 2020
- [Social justice art - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org)
- [Changing the Story: Using the Arts to Advance Social Justice – The Atlantic Philanthropies](https://theatlantic.com) by Gara LaMarche, 2010
- [Addressing social justice through art | College of Arts and Sciences | Washington State University \(wsu.edu\)](https://wsu.edu) by Adrian Aumen, 2017
- [Incubating Art for Social Impact: An Interview with Halcyon Arts Lab in Washington, DC | ARTS Blog \(americansforthearts.org\)](https://americansforthearts.org) 2018
- [NCs PS Toolkit DPL Set B WillingDisturbed.pdf \(uchicago.edu\)](https://uchicago.edu) *Unpacking Adult Mindsets – Willing to Be Disturbed* (from Margaret J. Wheatley's *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*, 2002), Network for College Success, University of Chicago
- [Creative Placemaking | Tools, Publications & Resources \(ala.org\)](https://ala.org) Library of the Future, American Library Association (ALA)
- [Visual and Performing Arts in Libraries: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights | Advocacy, Legislation & Issues](https://ala.org) 2018, ALA
- [Social Justice Projects in the Classroom | Edutopia](https://edutopia.org)

- [Teaching Students to Stand Up and Speak Out | Edutopia](#) by Rebecca Alber, July 17, 2012
- [Helping Students Become Engaged Citizens | Edutopia](#) by Suzie Boss, September 14, 2017
- [Social Justice in Education: The Role Educational Leaders Play | Mills Online Degrees](#) May 9, 2019, *Mills College*
- [TT-Social-Justice-Standards-Facilitator-Guide-WEB 0.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](#)
- [More Than McCarthyism - Rethinking Schools](#) by Ursula Wolfe Rocca, *rethinking schools*
- [Educators and Their #Community: Finding Solidarity on Social Media | Learning for Justice](#) by Cory Collins, 2019
- *Bullying and Harassment and What to Do When It Happens* - https://www.myschoolmyrights.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/aclu_ca_msmr_bullying_harassment.pdf
- *Intimidación y Acoso y Que Hacer Cuando Ocurre* - <https://www.myschoolmyrights.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/MSMR-ACLU-of-CA-Bullying-KYR-Spanish.pdf>
- [How to Address Bias and Bullying: Resources for Schools | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#)
- [7 Ways to Support Diversity in the Classroom \[With Examples\] | Prodigy Education \(prodigygame.com\)](#) by Maria Kampen, November 20, 2020
- [K-5 Resources to Support Diverse Learners \(virginia.gov\)](#) *Virginia Department of Education*
- [For Equity, Build Relationships | Harvard Graduate School of Education](#) by Akisha Jones Sarfo, July 7, 2017
- [Treat Students Like Human Beings | Harvard Graduate School of Education](#) by Andrew Bauld, August 26, 2021
- [social justice art for k-12 students - Bing images](#)
- [Teaching Handbook | Student Considerations | Inclusive Toolkit | Western Washington University \(www.edu\)](#) *Social Justice Toolkit, Western Washington University*
- [Introducing educators to the law - kappanonline.org](#) by Robert Kim, March 22, 2021, *Kappan*
- [5 Things Educators Can Do to Address Bias in Their School - NEA EdJustice](#) October 11, 2019
- [How Project-Based Learning Can Teach Empathy in Middle and High School | Edutopia](#) by Teague Tubach, July 2, 2021, *Edutopia*
- [How to Teach a Global Curriculum During Distance Learning | Edutopia](#) by Laurel Schwartz, September 4, 2020 *Edutopia*

- [Culturally Responsive Instruction | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/)
- [Student Voices | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org/)
- [From Activism to Craftivism - ASCD](#) by Sheryl Lamme, December 1, 2018
- [Confronting Inequity / Bringing After-School to School - ASCD](#) by H. Richard Milner IV, May 1, 2019
- [Courageous Conversations for Equity and Agency - ASCD](#) by Anne Vilen and Ron Berger, April 1, 2020
- [Equity-Based Practices for Lifting Achievement - ASCD](#) by Wayne Dorio, August 1, 2017
- [Who Counts as a Social Justice Educator? - ASCD](#) by Henry Seton, March 1, 2021
- [The Antidote to Extremism - ASCD](#) December 1, 2016
- [Equity Literacy for All - ASCD](#) by Paul Gorsky, March 4, 2015
- [The Power of Protocols for Equity - ASCD](#) by Zaretta Hammond, April 1, 2020
- [Ask an ASCD Expert / DEI Change Agent Met with Passive Resistance - ASCD](#) Heidi O’Gilvie, September 1, 2021
- [The Freedom to Read Statement | Advocacy, Legislation & Issues \(ala.org\)](#) 2004 (*most recent adoption*)
- [YALSA National Research Agenda | Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\) \(ala.org\)](#) 2016
- [How to Connect Content to High School Students’ Lives to Boost Engagement | Edutopia](#) by Beth Pandolfo, March 31, 2021
- [Measuring joy: A social justice issue - kappanonline.org](#) by Madora Soutter, April 27, 2020
- [Digital equality requires more than access - kappanonline.org](#) by Matthew H. Rafalow, February 22, 2021
- [The Subscribed Classroom: Using Podcasts to Teach About Social Justice | Learning for Justice](#) by Coshandra Dillard & Julia Delacroix, Summer 2019
- [We Can Create Change Together | Learning for Justice](#) by Sarah-Soonling Blackburn, Fall 2021
- [Beware of Equity Traps and Tropes - ASCD](#) by Jamila Dugan, March 2021
- [Relevant Curriculum Is Equitable Curriculum - ASCD](#) by Chaunté Garrett March 2021
- [Social Justice Lesson Plans from Rethinking Schools - YES! Magazine \(yesmagazine.org\)](#)

Social Justice Related Literature - Booklists/Materials/Resources

(Additional booklists/resources representing individual affinity groups available on the VEP website.)

- [Children's Literature | ADL Books Matter](#) (Select book lists by 11 different filters on the home page)
Grade Level: K-12
- [Best Social Justice Books for Kids, as Recommended by Teachers \(weareteachers.com\)](#)
- [Early Elementary Chapter Books - Social Justice Books](#)
- [37 Best Social Justice Children's Books You Need to Read \(picturebookbrain.com\)](#)
- [Social Justice Picture Books about Activists and Activism \(childrenslibrarylady.com\)](#)
- [BCALA and ALSC Social Justice Reading List | Association for Library Service to Children \(ALSC\)](#)
- [2019 OBCB Social Sciences | Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\) \(ala.org\)](#)
- *Booklists (Close to 70 lists of "multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults and educators")* <https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/>
- [Jane Addams Peace Association | Children's Book Award \(janeaddamschildrensbookaward.org\)](#)
- *Recommended Books for Adults on Equity, LGBTQ Topics and Schools, Transgender/Non-Binary Children, and School Climate and Bias-Based Bullying* https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS_Bibliography_for_Educators_Parents_LGBTQ_topics.pdf *Human Rights Campaign*
- *Working Together for Justice (Association for Library Service to Children - ALSC)*
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/Working%20Together%20for%20Justice%20%281%29.pdf>
- *Books Matter (Books dealing with identity, bias and bullying – filter by topic)*
<https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resources-for-educators-parents-families/childrens-literature>
- <https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/45121/20-books-featuring-diverse-characters-to-inspire-connection-and-empathy> *KQED/Mindshift*
- [11 Social Justice Books for Elementary Readers | Booksource Banter](#)
- *Chapter Books That Raise Awareness About Hunger, Poverty, and Homelessness*
<https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf-book-lists/chapter-books-hunger-poverty-homelessness>
- [Newsletter \(adl.org\)](#) *Resources on Immigration, 2019* Grade Levels: Elementary and Secondary
- [Featured Books - Rethinking Schools](#) *Featured Books (In addition to a variety of books, links to additional resources are available on this page), Rethinking Schools*
- [Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books - Social Justice Books](#) by Louise Derman Sparks, 2013, *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*

- [Teaching Young Children about Race - Social Justice Books](#) *Teaching Young Children About Race (excerpt)* by Louise Derman Sparks and Julie Olsen Edwards, *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [The Struggle Continues: How the Endings of Children's Literature Create False Narratives of Social Movements - Social Justice Books](#) by Makai Kellogg, *Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [Missing From the Shelf: Book Challenges and Lack of Diversity in Children's Literature \(pen.org\)](#) , *Pen America, Social Justice Books/Teaching for Change*
- [Spring 2021: Our picks for books, videos, websites, and other social justice education resources. \(rethinkingschools.org\)](#)
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](#) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021
- *booksource Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist*
<https://www.booksource.com/content/whitepaper/7012J000001cOIJQAU.pdf>
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](#) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)

Books Specifically About Social Justice or Art and Social Justice – A Sampling - These are not links.

- Adams, Shannon and Lauren Hough, *Social Justice at Storytime: Promoting Inclusive Children's Programs*, Libraries Unlimited, 2022
- Anderson, Tom; David Gussack, Kara Kelly Hallmark, Alison Paul, *Art Education for Social Justice*, National Art Education Association, 2010
- Anti-Racist Art Teachers, *Anti-Racist Art Activities for Kids: 30+ Creative Projects that Celebrate Diversity and Inspire Change*, 2023
- Armstrong, Nekima Levy and Tiffany Baker, *J is for Justice*, Wise Ink Creative Publishing, 2023
- Arreola, Veronica, *J is for Justice – An Activism Alphabet*, Sunbird Books, 2023
- Baxley, Dr. Traci, *Social Justice Parenting How to Raise Compassionate Anti- Racist Justice Minded Kids in an Unjust World*, Harper Wave, 2021
- Berkfield, Angela, *Parenting 4 Social Justice: Tips, Tools and Inspiration for Conversations and Actions with Kids*, Green Writers Press, 2021
- Beyerbach, Barbara, R. Deborah Davis, *Activist Art in Social Justice Pedagogy: Engaging Students in Global Issues through the Arts*, International Academic Publishers, 2011

- Dewhurst, Marit, *Social Justice Art A Framework for Activist Art Pedagogy*, Harvard Education Press, 2014
- Domluji, Mona, *Together*, Triange Square, 2021
- Foster, Victoria, *Collaborative Art-based Research for Social Justice*, Routledge, 2016
- Hanley, Mary Stone; George W. Nolit, Gilda L. Shepard, Thomas Barone (Editors), *Culturally Relevant Arts Education for Social Justice: A Way Out of No Way*, Routledge, 2013
- Nagara, innosanto, *A is for Activist*, Triangle Square, 2013
- Nagara, Innosanto, *M is for Movement*, Triangle Square, 2019
- Nagara, Innosanto, *Oh, the Things We're For*, Triangle Square, 2020
- Nilsen, Eric, *Understanding Social Justice: To See the End to Bias and Oppression We Need Social Change and True Equity for Everyone*, Independently published, 2022
- Quinn, Therese; Lisa Hochtritt, John Ploof, *Art and Social Justice Education Culture as Commons*, Routledge, 2011
- Sholette, Gregory; Chole Bass, Social Practice Queens (Editors), *Art as Social Action An Introduction to the Principles of Teaching Social Practice Art*, Allworth, 2018
- Tottingham, Ryse Tottingham, *The Young Activist's Dictionary of Social Justice*, Duo Press, 2022
- Travis, Sarah; Jody Stokes-Casey, Seoyeon Kim (Editors), Jody Boyd Acuff (Contributor), *Arts Education in Action Collaborative Pedagogies for Social Justice*, University of Illinois Press, 2020

YouTube Videos

Social Justice/Diversity/Equity - General

- [Social Justice: Equality, Equity or Something Else? Students Speak - YouTube](#) February 12, 2019, 5:45
- [Equality, Equity, and Social Justice \(For Kids\) - YouTube](#) Jan. 15, 2021, 9:25
- [Social Justice Belongs In Our Schools | Sydney Chaffee | TEDxBeaconStreet - YouTube](#) Feb. 16, 2018, 17:24
- [Social Justice, Human Rights and the Media - YouTube](#) Sept. 3, 2015, 2:43
- [BEYOND ACTIVISM: FOUR DECADES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE \(HD\) - YouTube](#) November 22, 2014, 19:02
- [Social Justice in Education Documentary Trailer - YouTube](#) Sept. 12, 2016, 2:09
- [Equity in Education: Empowering First-Generation Students to Succeed - YouTube](#) *Edutopia*, April 26, 2017, 3:12
- [EQUITY IN EDUCATION: Defined - YouTube](#) November 7, 2017, 1:26

- [Equity Vs Equality - YouTube](#) April 23, 2020, 4:30
- [Fears of ICE raids as students return to classrooms | KTVU](#) August 6, 2025 3:02
- [ICE activity near San Jose school threatens to impact student attendance](#) August 6, 2025 3:43
- [State education leaders push to keep ICE off of school campuses | NBC 7 San Diego](#) Augst 2, 2025 2:42
- [Immigration attorney warns of ICE raids at schools, urges preparation](#) August 5, 2025 2:06
- [#50 Immigration, Mental Health& Social Justice](#) July 2025 1:08
- [Showing Up for Conversations About Social Justice - YouTube](#) September 28, 2020, 3:38
- [#AskYaritza 09 | Social Justice in the classroom - YouTube](#) November 23, 2020, 17:18
- [Intersectionality 101 - YouTube](#) May 18, 2016, 3:03
- [Trump Admin targets LGBTQ+ community during Pride Month](#) June 2025 2:08
- [How to Protect LGBTQ+ Families in 2025 with Darra Gordon](#) June 2025 29:11
- [12 Easy Action Steps to Create LGBTQ+ Inclusive Schools in 2025](#) June 2025 11:57
- [The dangers of Project 2025's anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric](#) October 2024 7:47
- [Inside an Inclusive Classroom: How Two Teachers Work Together](#) August 2024 3:56
- [Stepping Up: The Band Leader - YouTube](#) September 27, 2018, 2:35
- [Social Justice: From kids to kids - YouTube](#) 2020, 15:07
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