

Knowledge Building - Resources

	Question	Things to know about...	Area of Knowledge
1	Why do so many People of color live in inner cities?	Redlining Sundown towns	History of Racism
2	Isn't the history of the Black Panther Party evidence that activist groups do not work effectively across race?	Collaboration with Young Patriots and the Rainbow Coalition (Fred Hampton)	History of Resistance to Racism
3	Aren't white people now being discriminated against as much as people of color?	Studies showing people of color groups still experiencing significant discrimination in employment, housing, and educational opportunities Affirmative action statistics	White Privilege
4	Isn't identifying oneself as part of a "race" encouraging a false construct? So, isn't seeing how we are all beyond race the best way to move forward?	Distinction between "biological reality" and "social reality" Articles, book, and stories revealing the downside of colorblindness and the post-racial ideal	White Racial Identity
5	Isn't it better to just recognize that people are evolving every generation and hope that things will improve over time as racist people die?	History of fighting for liberties currently enjoyed - 40 hr. work week, voting rights, unemployment benefits, civil rights, etc all had to be fought for. Change requires active effort	Building an Anti-Racist Practice
6	Hasn't every group had to struggle similarly to be successful in the U.S.?	Legal history re: groups: their classification and rights Histories of various people of color groups	Roots, Cultural Histories, and Assimilation
7	Isn't economic class really more important to talk about than race?	Interconnected history --- historic wealth accumulation for whites based on discriminatory regulations affecting people of color, inheritance laws Race and class as structurally intertwined	Intersections of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, etc.
8	White privilege doesn't help me at all. Even though I'm white I've had to deal with discrimination most of my life because I'm not straight.	Imagine two gay individuals with similar style and appearance, except for skin color. How might light skin privilege change those individual's experiences. Know various ways that skin privilege is granted even in the face of other areas of oppression.	Intersections of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, etc.

