

USHistory

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Connections to Today: Civil Rights

The new **US History Interactive** from Savvas Learning features **Hook & Inspire: Connections to Today** teaching suggestions for each topic which provides teachers with ways to bridge the content of the past to students' lives today. These teaching suggestions are updated annually and are available on the Savvas Realize Learning Management System. Savvas Learning specialist Marci Garner shares some of her favorite resources to incorporate when teaching The Civil Rights Movement.

Movies & Documentaries

- *Selma*
- *One Night in Miami* (Amazon Prime)
- *13* (Netflix)
- *Eyes on the Prize* (PBS)
- *Judas & the Black Messiah* (HBO Max)
- *Soundtrack for a Revolution* (PBS)
- *And Still I Rise: Black American Since MLK* (PBS)
- *Freedom Riders: American Experience* (PBS)
- *Rest in Power: The Trayvon Martin Story*
- *The Hate You Give*

Songs & Podcasts

- "I Can't Breathe" – H.E.R.
- "I Just Wanna Live" – KL
- "I Cry" – Usher
- "Lockdown" – Anderson Paak
- "Something's Gotta Give" – Sonna
- "Get Up" – T Pain
- "Land of the Free" – The Killers
- "Baltimore" – Jasmin Sullivan
- "I Need You To" and "Make it Home" – Tobe Nwigwe
- "No Justice" – Ty Dolla \$ign
- The 1619 Project from *The New York Times*
- Code Switch from NPR
- Lynching – Equal Justice Initiative
- About Race with Reni-Eddo-Lodge
- Witness Black History with the BBC
- Intersectionality Matters with Kimberly Crenshaw
- Story Corp Interviews about Civil Rights and BLM

Books & Poems

- *Teaching for Black Lives* – Edited by Dyan Watson, Jesse Hagopian, and Wayne Au
- *Black Lives Matter at School* – Denisha Johnson
- *The Hate You Give* – Angie Thomas
- *A Kind of Good Trouble* – Lisa Moore Ramee
- *Stamped* – Jason Reynolds and Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- *Citizen: An American Lyric* – Claudia Rankin
- *Coming of Age in Mississippi* – Anne Moody
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* – Christopher Paul Curtis
- "The Hill We Climb" – Amanda Gorman
- *March: A Comic Book Series* – John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell



Marci Garner is an educator at heart! Her career & life experiences include teaching abroad, teaching at her Alma Mater and now, with Savvas Learning Company, training teachers to use educational resources effectively in the classroom.

Marci's passion for teaching can be found in her desire to make connections. Connections with her students in the classroom meant finding ways to bridge historical content to the teenagers heart and mind. To her, learning history is an emotional experience as it involves stories about people. She believes that kids should always be able to see themselves reflected in those "hi-stories and her-stories" in relatable ways.

In her spare time, Marci loves to find new restaurants, read, travel, and visit cultural and historical sites.

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