READING SELECTIONS

Race:
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander, with a new Foreword by Cornell West
Can We Talk about Race?: and Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation by Beverly Tatum
Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Tatum
The Beautiful Struggle by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. DuBois
The Signifying Monkey by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson

Gender:
Enlightened Sexism: The Seductive Message that Feminism’s Work is Done by Susan J. Douglas
Boys Adrift: The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men by Leonard Sax
Cinderella Ate My Daughter by Peggy Orenstein
Full Frontal Feminism by Jessica Valenti
Bad Feminist by Roxanne Gay
We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Body Outlaws by Ophira Edut
Delusions of Gender: How Our Minds, Society, and Neurosexism Create Difference by Cordelia Fin
Raising Cain by Dan Kindlin
The Minds of Boys by Michael Gurian

Social Psychology:
Mistakes Were Made (But Not By Me): Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts by Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson
The Wisest One in the Room by Thomas Gilovich and Lee Ross
The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg

Economics, History, Sociology, & Politics:
The World is Flat 3.0: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century by Thomas L. Friedman
The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil by Philip Zimbardo
Rights at Risk by David Shipler
Flash Boys: A Wallstreet Revolt by Michael Lewis
Too Big to Fail: The Inside Story of How Wall Street and Washington Fought to Save the Financial System—and Themselves by Andrew Ross Sorkin
The Shock Doctrine: the Rise of Disaster Capitalism by Naomi Klein
Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
Super Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
The Lies my Teacher Told Me by James W. Loewen
The People’s History of the United States by Howard K. Zinn
Science:
The Medusa and the Snail or Lives of a Cell by Lewis Thomas
Your Inner Fish by Neil Shubin
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Rosalind Franklin: Dark Lady of DNA by Brenda Maddox
The Emperor of All Maladies by Siddhartha Mukherjee
The Gene: An Intimate History by Siddhartha Mukherjee
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
Hot Zone by Richard Preston

Miscellanea:
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard
Tipping Point, Blink, or Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich
Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh

Tips for finding reading selections to prepare you for college:
• You could read any non-fiction award winners: National Book Award, Pulitzer Prize, Book Critics Circle Award, etc.
• Do a google search for syllabi for introductory-level college courses and look at the assigned reading (e.g. sociology, political science, economics, gender studies, psychology, international relations, race, etc.).
• Look for “common reads” on the websites for some of the schools you are interested in reading.
• Read any New York Times non-fiction best-seller.