BOOK AND AUTHOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Immigrants and refugees

- The book Emily Francis mentioned is *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- BOOKS: *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio; *Someone Like Me* by Julissa Arce; *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas; Diary of a *Reluctant Dreamer: Undocumented Vignettes from a Pre-American Life* by Alberto Ledesma (Cynthia Carvajal)
- *Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds*

Social justice

- The book *How To Be An Antiracist* gets into what the speakers are talking about. African immigrants "vs" African Americans
- Zaretta Hammond - *Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students*
- Ruth King and Rhonda McGee are both authors that address the intersection of Mindfulness and Social Justice (Julie Bradley)
- *The 1619 Project*, and initiative from the New York Times Magazine, is amazing

Trauma

- I recommend the book *Trauma Stewardship* by Connie Burk and Laura van Dernoot Lipsky as we are in a helping position and can often get inundated with trauma stories from our kiddos

Literature that centers immigrant and global voices

- LOVE Neruda!
- Or Borges
- Cervantes? Let’s go with someone who is not a representative of the Spaniard colonial narrative. Just saying ... and I am from Spain
- Sandra Cisneros
- What about *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo?
- Julia Alvarez
- Gary Soto
- Vivek Shraya
- Alma Flor Ada
- F. Isabel Campoy
- Daniel Chacon ... *The Cholo Tree*
- Reyna Grande
• Lada Josefa Kratky
• Edwidge Danticat
• Erika L. Sanchez ... *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*
• Jenny Torres Sanchez *We Are Not from Here*
• *The Book of Unknown Americans* - Cristina Henríquez
• *Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival* by Velma Wallis (Gwi’chin)
• Jorge Luis Borges (Steve Burby)
• Someone asked about the poem Amy mentioned. It is the New Colossus (on the Statue of Liberty). Here is a resource that you can use to set up Amy’s assignment.
  https://reimaginingmigration.org/the-emma-lazarus-project/ (Adam Strom)
• Cathy Park Hong - *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* is a fabulous Korean-American memoir
• Nnedi Okorafor
• Octavia Butler - there are also Graphic novel versions of *Kindred* and *Parable of the Sower*
• *The Arrival* Shaun Tan - wordless picture book about a migration story

Literature tips

• Even within Latinx literature, whose stories are we centering--are we making space for indigenous people, central American, Black Latinx folks, Queer folks, etc. I say this because I don't want Mexican hegemony to overtake our need for diverse latinx voices
• Please also remember representing reading from authors who have disabilities or historical figures who have disabilities.
• *Lee & Low Books*, a multicultural children’s book publisher. They have teacher guides, across grades.
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