Wrongful convictions & race:


Recommended resources for students:

Films:

The High Cost of Low Prices (Wal-mart
Thirst (Is Water a human right or a commodity?
The Future of Food (Gen. Engineering of Food
Supersize Me (Fast food)

Books:

Say You’re One of Them (Akpan, Uwem)
Medical Apartheid (Washington, Harriet)
Desert Dawn, Desert Flower & Desert Children (Dirie, Waris, FGM in Europe, by a woman who’s undergone FGM)
Only Hope (Fong, Vanessa. Coming of age experience under China’s One Child Policy)
Shattered Silence (Moore & Cook, story of a serial killer’s daughter)
The Help (Stockett, civil rights movement, child care)
The Zookeeper’s Wife (Ackerman, hiding refugees during WWII)
Rabbit Proof Fence (Pilkinson, institutional assimilation of Australian aboriginal children)
The Whale Rider (Ihimaera, Maori children)
Once Were Warriors (Duff, Maori people, poverty, racism, traditional culture)
A Bend in the River (Naipaul, political exile, corruption, decolonized nations of Africa)
Guerrillas (Naipaul, colonialism & revolution in the Caribbean)

The Middle Passage (Naipaul, postcolonialism in the Caribbean)

Beyond Belief: Islamic Excursions Among the Converted Peoples (Naipaul)

On the Rez (Ian Frazier) (Pine Ridge Reservation in S. Dakota)

Lakota Woman (Mary Crow Dog, gender & lived experience amongst the Lakota)

The Omnivore’s Dilemma, The Botany of Desire & In Defense of Food (Pollan, an intense look at the food we eat)

The Moral Animal (Wright, evolutionary psych)

The Evolution of God (Wright, evolutionary psych)

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness (Alexander, Michelle, look at how racial caste system has evolved from slavery to criminal justice policies that in disproportionately affect minorities)

Food, Inc. (How Industrial food is making us sicker, fatter, poorer, etc.)

Harvest for Hope, (Goodall, realities of factory farming & gen. engineering of food)

Roots (Haley, slavery & the impact on African-American families)

The Outsiders (Hinton, teenager growing up working class dealing w/ class discrimination)

The Race Myth or The Emperor’s New Clothes: Biological Theories of Race at the Millenium (Graves, Joseph)

Number the Stars (Lowry, atrocities of the holocaust)

The Broken Spears (Leon-Portilla, Aztec account of the conquest of Mexico)

Lakota Woman (Mary Crow Dog, discrimination towards the Lakota)