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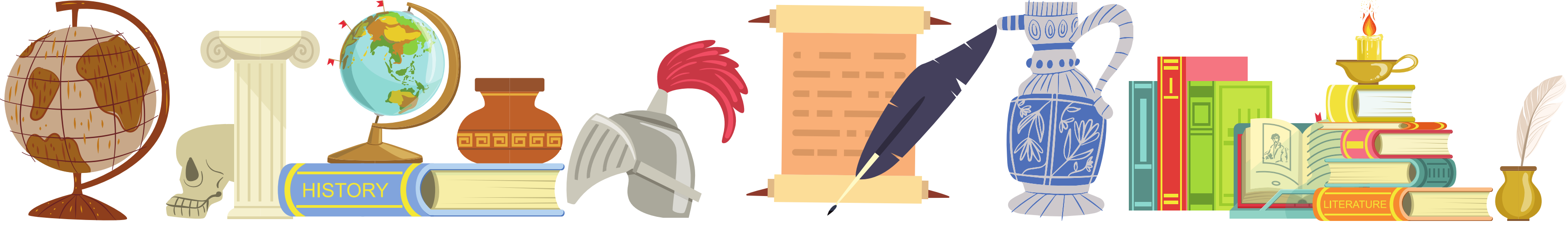
Telling the Stories of Trans Children for our Freedom Micro Syllabus

Jules Gill-Peterson, a professor of trans history at Johns Hopkins University, will lead participants in this youth-friendly webinar in an exploration of amazing stories of trans children and youth from the past. These children led trans lives when the term “transgender” didn’t even exist, and their stories reveal a dimension of US history that was unknown until recently. Stories of trans children and youth allows us to imagine a future with trans freedom by reminding us that trans people have always existed. Witness the challenges trans children have faced for the past century as well as their remarkable strength and creativity as Dr. Gill-Peterson invites us to “walk today with trans kids who came before us”.

Guiding Questions

- What can we learn from the lives of trans children and youth in the past?
- How have the challenges of trans children and youth changed over time?
- How can historical research about transgender existence help us to imagine a future with trans freedom?





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Resources

Short Videos

- [A Trans History: Time Marches Forward And So Do We \(2017\)](#) - ACLU
- [Salacia \(2019\)](#) - Tourmaline
- [Angelica Ross Explains the History of the Word 'Transgender' \(2018\)](#) - InQueery | them
- [A short history of trans people's long fight for equality | Samy Nour Younes \(2019\)](#) - TED

Must-Watch Movies

- [Framing Agnes \(2022\)](#) - Chase Joynt
- [No Ordinary Man \(2020\)](#) - Chase Joynt
- [Disclosure \(2020\)](#) - Sam Feder
- [Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria \(2005\)](#) - Victor Silverman & Susan Stryker

Listen to

- [The Trans Past, Present, and Future - How attacks on trans kids shape lives, and a pioneer from the 1940s.](#) Outward Podcast: March 23, 2022
- [Histories Of The Transgender Child' with Jules Gill-Peterson.](#) The Katie Harper Show Podcast: June 27, 2021

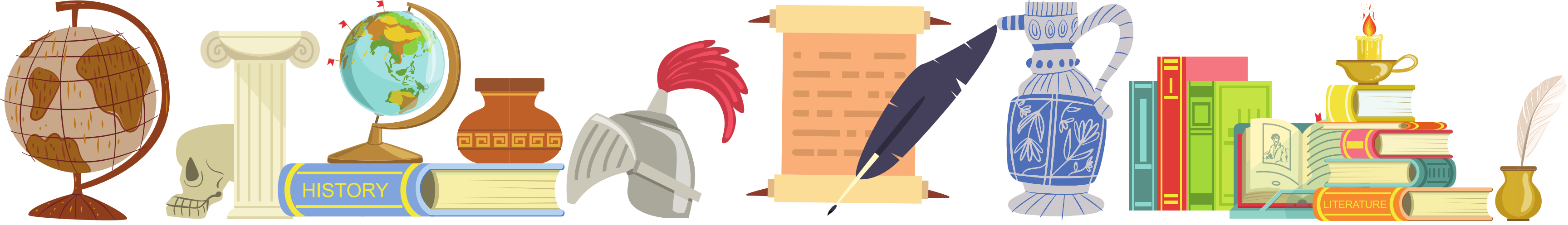
Children's Books

- [Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution!: The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History](#) by Joy Ellison
- [Rainbow Revolutionaries: Fifty LGBTQ+ People Who Made History](#) by Sarah Prager
- [I am Jazz](#) by Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings

Lesson Plans

- [LGBTQ History Timeline Lesson](#). GLSEN.
- [Lessons Database](#). Berkley History-Social Science Project.





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Read

- Waters, Michael (2022). Barbara Ann Richards Designed—and Then Demanded—the Life She Deserved. In the 1940s, a young interior decorator fought California for recognition of her gender and her name. This is how she won. Slate.
- Gill-Peterson, Jules (2022). Anti-Trans Laws Aren't Symbolic. They Seek to Erase Us From Public Life. Even if we beat every anti-trans bill in the nation tomorrow, too many trans young people would still be fighting to survive. Them.
- Levin, Sam (2021). 'Trans kids are not new': a historian on the long record of youth transitioning in America. The Guardian.
- The Human Rights Campaign (n.d.). Seven Things About Transgender People That You Didn't Know. The Human Rights Campaign
- Agarwal, Kritika (2018). What Is Trans History? From Activist and Academic Roots, a Field Takes Shape. Perspectives on History. Perspectives on History.

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Exhibitions

- The Museum of Transgender History & Art (MOTHA).

Add to Playlist

- Crazy Little Men (1957) by Christine Jorgensen
- Any Other Way (1962) by Jackie Shane

