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We Keep Us Safe: Abolition as a Path for Trans Liberation Micro Syllabus

Dr. Qui Alexander (they/them), a queer, trans, Black Puerto Rican scholar, educator and organizer, leads participants in this youth-friendly webinar to explore the concept of abolition and how it works as a path towards trans liberation. Based on their current research about pedagogies of abolitionist praxis in the lived experience of Black trans folks, Qui reminds us that trans people, especially trans people of color, are more likely to be negatively impacted by policing, prisons and other sites of incarceration than non-trans people. This micro syllabus holds an array of resources that may prove useful to students and educators looking to learn more about transformative justice and abolitionist education to support queer/trans youth of color. By taking an abolition path, we can build communities that prioritize queer/trans safety and liberation.

Guiding Questions

- What keeps queer/trans youth of color safe?
- How can we create communities that center our joy and resilience?
- How does abolition support trans liberation?





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Resources

Short Videos

- [Woke Kindergarten 60 Second Text: We Keep Us Safe \(2021\)](#) - Woke Kindergarten
- [What really happened during the Attica Prison Rebellion](#) - Orisanmi Burton (2021) - TED Education
- [What is Transformative Justice? \(2020\)](#) - Barnard Center for Research on Women
- [6 Ways to be an Antiracist Educator with Dena Simmons \(2020\)](#) - Edutopia
- [The breathtaking courage of Harriet Tubman](#) - Janell Hobson (2018) - TED Education
- [Positive Racial Identity Development in Early Education: Understanding PRIDE in Pittsburgh \(2016\)](#) - Office of Child Development | University of Pittsburgh

Must-Watch Films

- [Attica \(2021\)](#) - Stanley Nelson & Traci A. Curry
- [Harriet Tubman: They Called Her Moses \(2018\)](#) - Robert Fernandez
- [13th \(2016\)](#) - Ava DuVernay
- [I Am Not Your Negro \(2016\)](#) - Raoul Peck
- [MAJOR! \(2015\)](#) - Annalise Ophelian

Listen to

- [Woke Kindergarten. ATN - Teaching To Thrive](#): September 28, 2020
- [Abolitionist Teaching with Bettina Love. Reimagining Youth Work](#): August 26, 2020
- [The Rise of a Trans Abolitionist Vision - The Transgender Justice Teach-in. Midwest Institute for Sexuality and Gender Diversity](#): January 19, 2021
- [No One is Disposable: Everyday Practices of Prison Abolition. Barnard Center for Research on Women](#): February 7, 2014





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Toolkits & Guides

- [A Resource Guide For Teaching & Learning Abolition \(2020-21\)](#) - Critical Resistance
- [Guide for Racial Justice & Abolitionist Social and Emotional Learning](#) - Abolitionist Teaching Network Presents
- [\(At Least\) 10 Things Educators Can Do to End the Prison Industrial Complex](#) - Education for Liberation Network
- [How to Grow Abolition on Your Campus: 8 Actions](#) - Critical Resistance

Children's Books

- [Black Is a Rainbow Color](#) by Angela Joy
- [Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky](#) by Faith Ringgold
- [IntersectionAllies: We Make Room for All](#) by Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council, and Carolyn Choi.
- [Visiting Day](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
- [See You Soon](#) by Mariame Kaba
- [Missing Daddy](#) by Mariame Kaba
- [Bad Seed](#) by Jory John

Follow

- Critical Resistance [@C_Resistance](#)
- PlanToChangeTheWorld [@EdLibPlanBook](#)
- Bettina Love [@BLoveSoulPower](#)
- Abolitionist Teaching Network [@ATN_1863](#)
- Akiea "Ki" Gross [@AkieaG](#)





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- Walidah Imarisha, Alexis Gumbs, Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha, Adrienne Maree Brown & Mia Mingus (2017). The Fictions and Futures of Transformative Justice. The New Inquiry
- Raquel Willis (2018). TransVisionaries: How Miss Major Helped Spark the Modern Trans Movement. them
- Bettina Love (2019). A Queer Black Educator on the Shortcomings of 'It Gets Better'. Advocate
- Lewis Wallace & Micah Bazant (2020). Miklat Miklat: a transformative justice zine. Critical Resistance
- David Spade (2020). The Queer and Trans Fight for Liberation — and Abolition. Abolition for the People, LEVEL

