

Racism is an insidious problem. It perpetuates itself through misinformation and ignorance. Harmful treatment of people and their communities will continue until we collectively examine where we are and how we got here. I am a white, middle class, public school teacher raising white children who attend public school in Portland, Oregon. Racism is a topic they need to learn about in school. It is a topic I desperately need to teach because the entire purpose of my career is to grow the potential of children. Our society needs this collective knowledge. We need to know the truth, so we can live a better future.