

I object to the divisive racist indoctrination of our children. Our kids are already failing in basic skills like reading and math. In the 3rd largest school district in Oregon, we don't even have standardized curriculum, I know because I asked for it and was emailed that they just let teachers do whatever they want. Having my child home during CDL this year, Beaverton had my 10 year old watch a video (I saw it too) that told the class "of course you are racist". The teacher went on to describe himself as a "white guy". Why? This is child abuse. I have read Kendi and DiAngelo, they are racist individuals spreading their hate and division.

This year I had to email the teacher the correct orders of operations for math because he taught the class wrong. The teacher told the kids a platypus was an amphibian (it's not). The teacher said Devil's Tower was in Australia (it's not). If a teacher can't get basic facts correctly taught, how am I suppose to think they will do a good job with such heavy topics as slavery and racism?

The teacher is telling the kids that England just gave land to Europeans willing to colonize the New World. No, they didn't. England made people indentured servants who had to work and try to live long enough to earn the land. The teacher told the kids the native tribes were peacefully living together. No, they did not. Will you teach the kids that natives killed, raped and enslaved other natives? Will you even teach about indentured servants, who were European and African? 1619 is a false narrative by Jones, the NYT even had to issue a retraction to say her essay was in regards to "some" colonists and not "all" as the essay suggested.

Will you teach about Anthony Johnson an indentured servant from Africa in 1621 who eventually owned another African named John Casor and even sued to keep him a slave for life? Casor was the first court ordered slave for life in 1655, to an African man in a civil suit. Will you teach about Bacon's Rebellion in 1676 and how that led to Africans being marked for slavery? Will you teach about countless Europeans(orphans, homeless, poor) being abducted and sold into servitude? Will you teach about African Queen Nzinga who captured other Africans to sell them to the Portuguese as slaves? Will you teach that Africans killed and enslaved Africans? Will you teach them about the Arabs that were capturing slaves in Africa 700 years before any European?

Will you teach that the first law making slaves was in 1641, in Massachusetts, before that blacks and natives could own whites as indentured servants too. Will you teach them that today, as we speak, Africans are still being captured by other Africans and sold as slaves. America's past in racism, civil rights abuse and slavery was wrong, but American ended all of that. American is not an inherently racist place, but we have individuals that are. Don't spread misinformation to our kids, especially when you can't even get basic math correct.