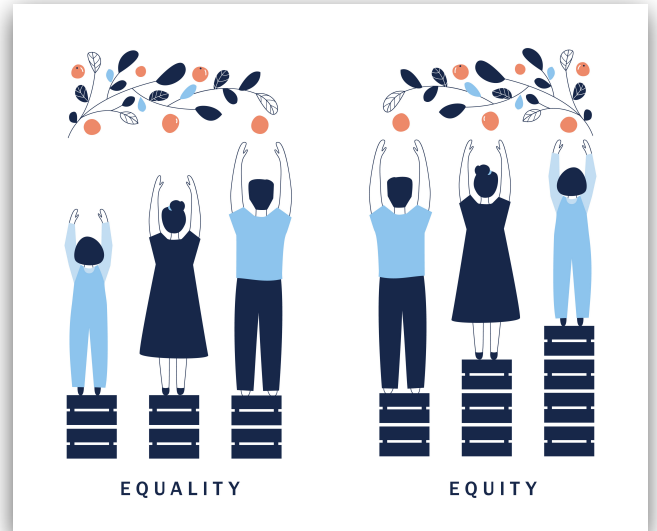


## Reading Poetry About Social & Racial Injustice

The poetry books: ***Say Her Name, Woke, We Rise We Resist We Raise Our Voices, and Take the Mic*** all have themes around shifting the narrative about the lives of African Americans and other people of color. There are a host of many more, below you can utilize the information below to “unpack” the books.



**Suggested Ages:** Teen and Tween Audiences

### Guiding Questions:

#### *Before Reading:*

What modern-day challenges do you think about?

What is happening online or in the news that you notice the most?

What does injustice mean to you? What does racial injustice mean to you? What does social injustice mean to you?

#### *During Reading:*

What topics stand out to you the most.

Explain connections from two poems.

Explain a real world example that you have seen or experienced from a poem.

#### *After Reading:*

What are the different characteristics of the types of poetry?

How would you compare and contrast the poems in the book?

# Compare & Contrast

Share your viewpoints of a topic raised in the poetry book, find evidence to support your view.

List the similarities and differences in a table. (Below are examples)

## Compare & Contrast Matrix

	Book Title	Book Title	
Attribute			
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## Same & Different

Book Title Different	Same	Book Title Different

# Brainstorm

Protesting is one aspect of being active in your community, but you can do so much more. Brainstorm ways of getting involved with your community. Below are some ideas.

- Name 3-5 local or community non profits addressing \_\_\_\_\_ issue.
- Identify and list the names of 3-5 local council members and then senators.
- Review the mural artwork of 3 local or national artists.
- Write a paper about 3-5 songs that challenge \_\_\_\_\_ issue.
- Brainstorm a creative way on raising money for a local non profit that addresses \_\_\_\_\_.
- Create a product that can solve \_\_\_\_\_ issue.
- Reach out to social-driven entrepreneurs who are solving problems in \_\_\_\_\_ issue.
- Set up a pen-pal group with other teens, and write positive messages every month.
- Learn another language's alphabet (ASL, Spanish, French, African Language, Native American Language, or what your heart desires) then find a similar issue that
- Read books