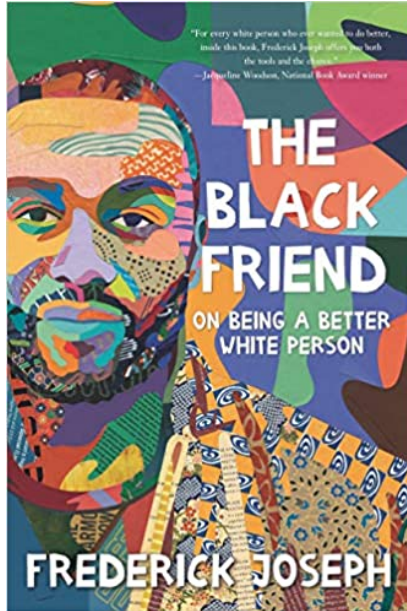




“The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person” by Frederick Joseph

About *The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person*:

Writing from the perspective of a friend, Frederick Joseph offers candid reflections on his own experiences with racism and conversations with prominent artists and activists about theirs—creating an essential read for white people who are committed anti-racists and those newly come to the cause of racial justice.



About The Author:

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Friend (2020), with over 10 years of marketing experience, and a Forbes Under 30 list maker for Marketing and Advertising. Frederick has been honored as the 2018 Comic-Con Humanitarian of the Year award and a member of the 2018 Root 100" list of Most Influential African Americans. Frederick consistently writes about marketing, culture, and politics for the Huffington Post, USA Today, NowThisNews, The Independent, AdWeek, amongst others.

Read Aloud Tips:

- Reiterate: While teaching and discussing race and other topics of importance, restate what was said. This will enable students to reflect on what they have heard rather than what they believe they heard. Therefore, decreasing miscommunication and misinformation.
- Check in with students and their emotional state during discussions with strong emotions. This can be done in many different ways. For example, using the colors of a stoplight to understand how students are feeling and if they need a break.
- Allow adequate time for debriefing with set norms and expectations. Talking circles with a designated talking piece can create a space for students to talk about the information being shared and their experience with learning this.

Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevelt.edu.

Read aloud tips were modified from “A Teaching Tolerance Guide Presents Let’s Talk: Discussing Race, Racism, and Other Difficult Topics With Students” by Teaching Tolerance: A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

