

Week 6 Message from the ABC Curriculum Committee

Welcome to Week 6 of the Action Book Club (ABC) Community! To begin this week off, we wanted to send a broad acknowledgment and appreciation for everything each member of our audience is balancing and enduring this year. Many of us wear so many hats and have so many responsibilities each day, and we applaud you for managing and thriving during these challenging times.

This week our book clubs will be reading Chapters 9 (Color) and 10 (White). In Chapter 9, Kendi defines and distinguishes between colorism and color antiracism, and calls for our society to reflect on broadly accepted standards of beauty.

Week 6: Chapter 9 (Color) & Chapter

Discussion
50 minutes*

How is colorism, including preferences for particular skin and eye colors, hair textures, and facial features, reflected in today's beauty standards? What steps can we take to build and support a culture that celebrates natural beauty?

How does the concept of "white fragility" correlate with and/or contradict Kendi's perspective? Where does racism exist in the voting process? Consider intersectional identities

Everyone has a voice. Ideas for making sure all voices are heard:

1. Each person chooses a passage. The discussion begins with each person sharing the passage and why.
2. Round robin, each person talks building on previous speaker—in order, around the room.
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Learn More	Will vary**	Listen to "Is Beauty in the Eyes of the Colonizer?" https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2019/02/06/685506578/is-beauty-in-the-eyes-of-the-colonizer	
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*These are suggested times. Different groups might spend time differently. The main guideline is to spend time intentionally.

** It is expected that more time might be dedicated to action and learning more as the group progresses through the book.