



Teaching Leaflet

Understanding Poverty

Lesson Four: We All Have The Same Opportunity in America

“Resource List For Further Reading”

These books are a great place to start if you are interested in learning more about the concepts discussed in lesson four:

A Notion at Risk: Preserving Public Education as an Engine for Social Mobility by Richard D. Kahlenberg (published by Century Foundation Press)

This book focuses on the needs of urban, low-income public schools. It discusses the inequalities in financing, curriculum, teaching, peer groups, and disciplinary problems. The book also looks at the successes and shortfalls of summer school programs, federal aid for education, testing standardization, teacher qualifications, charter schools and zero-tolerance policies.

Economic Inequality and Higher Education: Access, Persistence, and Success by Stacy Dickert-Conlin and Ross Rubenstein (published by Russel Sage Foundation Publications)

This book examines the discrepancies in graduation rates between students from different races, classes, and socio-economic statuses. It examines the unequal access to higher education and proposes state and federal solutions that schools can undertake to make college accessible to all people.

Post-Industrial Capitalism: Exploring Economic Inequality in America by Dr. Joel I. Nelson (published by Sage Publications)

This book provides a framework for understanding the ever-growing economic and social gaps within the United States. With the global economy, capitalism has become transformed. This book looks at this free market economy and the changing business world.

The Beloved Community: How Faith Shapes Social Justice from the Civil Rights Movement to Today by Charles Marsh (published by Basic Books)

As Christians we realize that all people have value and worth. The Beloved Community reminds us of this value we hold and reminds us that the spiritual vision that was the foundation for the Civil Rights movement is not gone today. This book outlines a new vision for Christianity that reclaims our faith's longing for social justice and authentic community.