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My Own History Lesson Plan for the History of Racism

Think about four of the many roots of racism in the US: (1) racist ideas were developed by racist people, (2) colonization is a practice of racism, (3) immigrants were compelled to assimilate and become "White" to avoid discrimination, and (4) immigrants were often labeled "foreign" or a "threat." Write about the thoughts, emotions, and questions that are coming up for you about these.

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Next, rate yourself on the degree of knowledge you have about the history of racism for the various racial groups below. Use this rating scale:

	1 = I know a lot.	2 = I know some things.	3 = I know very little.	
	Asian/Pacific Isla Black/African Am Latinx/o/a/@/His	ericans panic Americans mericans	ples/Native Americans	
Then, resp	ond to the prompts	s below:		
_		ost highly with a 1? What do roots of racism for these gr	o you know and how did you come t oups?	o learn
_	•	e least highly with a 3? Who historical roots of racism fo	at might be some next steps for you or these groups?	ı to

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Vere there any groups you rated 2? If yes, how can you increase your knowledge of these groups o a 1?
low did you rate your own racial group? What are the knowledge gaps you can address?

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