



My name is Joy Martyr-Andre and I am a secondary educator in the Toronto District School Board. As an African diasporic Canadian, my experiences in education taught me that I was absent from the history of Canada only to later understand that Black lives were *erased* in the narrative taught about the history of Canada.

These critical experiences impact my approach to education, to learning and to curriculum writing. I am committed to lesson planning and teaching through an equitable, anti-oppressive and anti-racist lens and deeply value and incorporate the lived experiences of students into our collective learning.

As the mother of three children in the public education system, I am conscious of the need for representations of Blackness to affirm Black Identity for my children as well as for every student and educator who is unaware of how the stories of Black folks in Canada are weaved into the fabric of this nation.

This resource offers education workers an opportunity to learn, with students, the stories of Black lives and to actively engage in fighting racism and becoming anti-racist.