

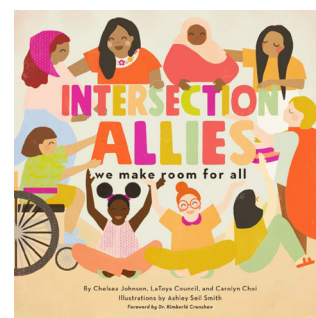
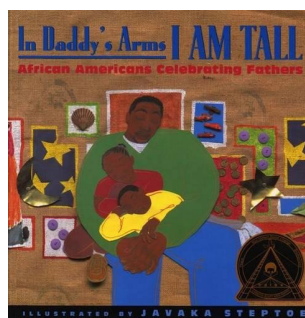
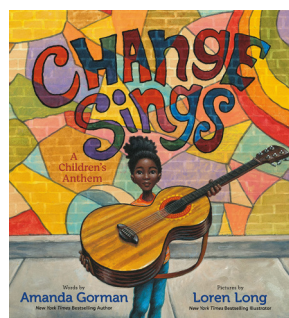
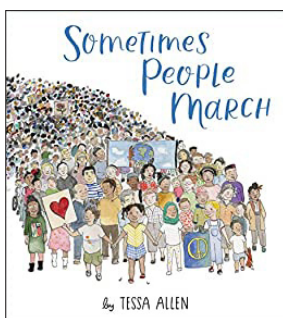
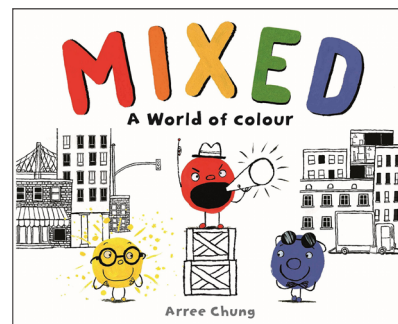
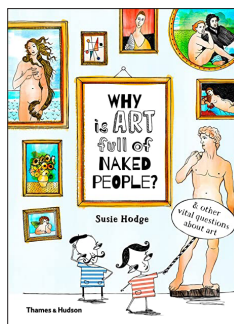
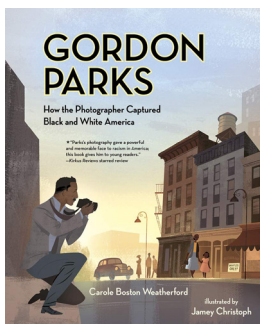
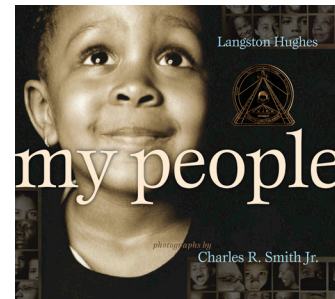
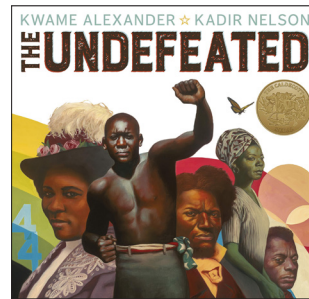
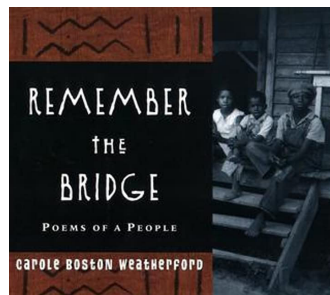
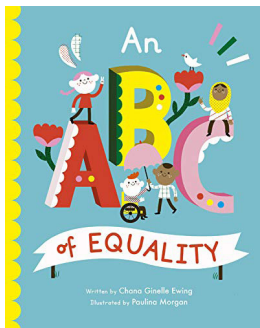
Joshua Rashaad McFadden: I Believe I'll Run On

Joshua Rashaad McFadden is an artist and a professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology. His photographs explore themes of history, race, identity, masculinity, and sexuality. In addition to museum exhibitions, McFadden's photographs also appear in *National Geographic*, *Scientific American*, and the *New York Times*.

Thinking and Learning about Perspective Taking with Picture Books

The picture books listed below share each author's perspective on topics of social justice, protest, art, and African American history. The George Eastman Museum invites you to read and share these books before or after viewing the exhibition. The books and the exhibition focus on similar themes and may help bridge the understanding of different perspectives.

All the books listed are in the Monroe County Library System.



- *An ABC of Equality* by Chana Ginelle Ewing, illustrated by Paulina Morgan
- *Remember the Bridge: Poems of a People* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- *The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson
- *My People* by Langston Hughes, photographs by Charles R. Smith Jr.
- *Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Jamey Christoph

- **We March** by Shane W. Evans
- **Why Is Art Full of Naked People? And Other Vital Questions about Art** by Susie Hodge
- **Mixed: A Colorful Story** by Arree Chung
- **Sometimes People March** by Tessa Allen
- **Change Sings: A Children's Anthem** by Amanda Gorman, illustrated by Loren Long
- **In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers** by various poets, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe
- **Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All** by Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council, and Carolyn Choi, illustrated by Ashley Seil Smith

What is perspective?

A way of thinking about something

What is perspective taking?

When we look at a situation from someone else's point of view, or we "put ourselves in their shoes"

What is empathy?

The ability to share someone else's feelings or experiences by imagining what it would be like to be in that person's situation

Perspective Taking and Empathy

The social skills of **perspective taking** and the **ability to empathize** help us to create support systems.

A support system is a network of family, friends, or peers that allows us to seek understanding, perceive differences, and gain awareness in various situations.

When we **seek understanding**, we listen to one another. Often it is helpful to respond, "What I heard you say was..." That way, we can check our understanding of what we heard and acknowledge the other person's perspective of the situation.

When we **perceive differences**, we realize that our lived experience is different from someone else's lived experience. We should not make assumptions from our perspective, but instead, consider the circumstances, preferences, and cultural influences of another person.

When we **gain awareness**, we gather information related to the situation. That knowledge informs our understanding and allows us to respond, moving toward a positive outcome inclusive of different perspectives.

Explore *Joshua Rashaad McFadden: I Believe I'll Run On* together. Focus on understanding, the reality of differences, and the insight that awareness provides. Think and discuss the picture books listed in relationship to the photographs.

What questions emerge?

Where will you look for answers?

Once you find the answers what steps will you take?

Learn More About Perspective Taking

Learning For Justice: learningforjustice.org/

Harvard Graduate School of Education Project Zero

Thinking Routines Toolbox: pz.harvard.edu/thinking-routines

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