

“So I want to let Assata Shakur have the last word tonight. At this moment,” she wrote a few years ago, **I am not so concerned about myself. Everybody has to die sometime, and all I want is to go with dignity. I am more concerned about the growing poverty, the growing despair that is rife in America. I am more concerned about our younger generations, who represent our future. I am more concerned about the rise of the prison-industrial complex that is turning our people into slaves again. I am more concerned about the repression, the police brutality, violence, the rising wave of racism that makes up the political landscape of the US today. Our young people deserve a future, and I consider it the mandate of my ancestors to be a part of the struggle to ensure that they have one.”**

Excerpt from *Freedom Is A Constant Struggle* by Angela Y. Davis, page 115-116 (PDF)  
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“This brings me to my last point, which is, as well, a beginning: resistance. More than verbal disagreement, resistance takes organization, planning, and tenacity that develops and sustains individual and group capacities. For women of color, especially those who are very public in their positions as intellectuals and as activists, there is no other alternative but vigilance and struggle. Without it, institutions wear us down by petty bureaucratic procedures and the force of inertia. As someone who has persevered over the years, I can truly say that resistance is **its own reward.**”

Excerpt from *From a Native Daughter* by Hanunah-Kay Trask, pages 167-168  
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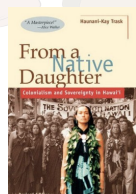
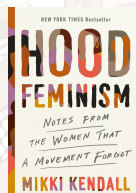
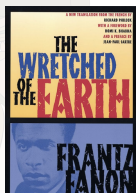
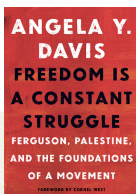
“We are all in the same boat. Everybody will be slaughtered or tortured, and within the context of the independent nation everyone will suffer the same hunger and marasmus. The collective struggle presupposes a collective responsibility from the rank and file and a collegial responsibility at the top. **Yes, everyone must be involved in the struggle for the sake of the common salvation. There are no clean hands, no innocent bystanders.** We are all in the process of dirtying our hands in the quagmire of our soil and the terrifying void of our minds. **Any bystander is a coward or a traitor.**”

Excerpt from *The Wretched of the Earth* by Frantz Fanon, page 140  
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“There’s nothing feminist about having so many resources at your fingertips and choosing to be ignorant. Nothing empowering or enlightening in deciding that **intent trumps impact.** Especially when the consequences aren’t going to be experienced by you, but will instead be experienced by someone from a marginalized community. It’s not at all helpful for some white feminists to make demands of women of color out of a one-sided idea of sisterhood and call that solidarity. **Sisterhood is a mutual relationship between equals.** And as anyone with sisters can tell you, it’s not uncommon for sisters to fight or to hurt each other’s feelings. Family (whether biological or not) is supposed to support you.”

Excerpt from *Hood Feminism* by Mikki Kendall, page 6-7  
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Excerpt from *All About Love: New Visions* by bell hooks, pages 47-48  
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“One of the things I loved most about our father was his **ruthless insistence that young people** (who take up the mantle of social justice work) **realize that though we must respect those who came before us and cleared part of the path, we must also learn to trust ourselves to find our own way in the world.**

That, and to remember that **in the face of injustice, there is nothing more important than impatience.**

Because the time for justice is always now.

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Excerpt from *No Country for Eight-Spot Butterflies* by Julian Agón, page 85  
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