

“We reach for you today as you  
gather in memory of this  
bloodiest of battles.  
As you stand against our  
increasingly militarized world,  
**courage and your love**, know we  
are with you.  
You who know that death is only  
one kind of dying.  
You who light candles and line  
roadways and block trucks and  
boats with your bodies.  
**You who hold up more than your  
fair share of sky.** We reach for  
you.  
We hold your faces in our hands.”

Excerpt from *No Country for Eight-  
Spot Butterflies: A Lyric Essay* by  
Julian Agnon, page 57

“Each age has its peculiar  
opacities and its urgent  
missions. **The parts we play in  
the design and direction of the  
historical transformations are  
shadowed by the contingency  
of events and the quality of our  
characters.** Sometimes we break  
the mold; at others, our will is  
broken. What enables us to  
aspire to the fraught and fervent  
desire for freedom is the belief  
that human beings are capable  
of imagining what Fanon once  
described as a ‘time [that] must  
no longer be that of the moment  
or the next harvest but rather of  
the rest of the world.’”

Excerpt from *The Wretched of the  
Earth* by Frantz Fanon, page xli

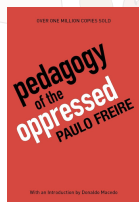
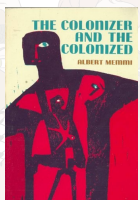
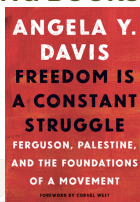
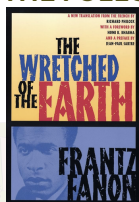
“That man who is forced each  
day to snatch his manhood, his  
identity, out of the fire of  
human cruelty that rages to  
destroy it knows, if he survives  
his effort, and even if he does  
not survive it, **something about  
himself and human life that no  
school on earth - and, indeed,  
no church - can teach. He  
achieves his own authority,  
and that is unshakable.** This is  
because, in order to save his  
life, he is forced to look  
beneath appearances, to take  
nothing for granted, to hear the  
meaning behind the words.”

Excerpt from *The Fire Next Time*  
by James Baldwin, page 81

“The excluded human beings  
will affirm their exclusivity in  
**Colonialism creates the  
national selfhood.**  
Kept at the level of a beast by  
an oppressive system, the  
natives are given no rights,  
not even the right to live.  
Their condition worsens daily.  
**And when a people has no  
choice but how it will die;  
when a people has received  
from its oppressors only the  
gift of despair, what does it  
have to lose?**”

Excerpt from *The Colonizer and The  
Colonized* by Albert Memmi, pages xxviii-xxix

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“Well, I don’t think we have  
any alternative other than  
remaining optimistic.  
**Optimism is an absolute  
necessity, even if it’s only  
optimism of the will, as  
Gramsci said, and pessimism  
of the intellect.** What has  
kept me going has been the  
development of new modes  
of community. I don’t know  
whether I would have  
survived had not movements  
survived, had not  
communities of resistance,  
communities of struggle.”

Excerpt from *Freedom Is A Constant Struggle:  
Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a  
Movement* by Angela Y. Davis, page 58 (PDF)

“The radical, committed to human  
liberation, does not become the  
prisoner of a ‘circle of certainty’  
within which reality is also  
imprisoned. On the contrary, the  
more radical the person is, the  
more fully he or she enters into  
reality so that, knowing it better,  
he or she can better transform it.  
**This individual is not afraid to  
confront, to listen, to see the  
world unveiled.** This person is not  
afraid to meet the people or to  
enter into dialogue with them. **This  
person does not consider himself  
or herself the proprietor of history  
or of all people, or the liberator of  
the oppressed; but he or she does  
commit himself or herself, within  
history, to fight at their side.”**

Excerpt from *Pedagogy of the  
Oppressed* by Paulo Freire, page 39