**Baltimore Legacy ABSW**

**Book Club Reading Guide**

*Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism*

**THE AUTHOR’S VIEW**

* **What is the book/paper about?**
* **What are the main ideas and concepts?**
* **Describe the content without prejudice**
* **Suspend judgement**
* **Attempt to understand and describe the reality out there**
* **Summarize the main points.**

**OWN PERSONAL RESPONSE**

* **How do I feel about the book/paper?**
* **My view: Passion and Judgement**
* **Do I love it? Hate it?**
* **Is it too short? Too long? Boring? Well written? Uninspiring…?**
* **Intense emotions; strong ideas**

**CRITIQUE**

* **What is possible for me to learn from the book/paper (even if I disagree with it)?**
* **What is applicable in practice?**
* **What is missing?**
* **What arguments so I have for my constructive evaluation of it?**

**SELF REFLEXIVITY**

* **How do I come to love/hate these ideas?**
* **What do I believe in?**
* **How come I believe in it?**
* **What is the effect of these beliefs on my practice and views?**
* **What would happen if I thought differently?**

By: Derrick Bell

Multiple context influences