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& "If Knowledge Is the Key"



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Thank you so much for registering for Self-Evident: Fall of Freedom—A Documentary Short Double Feature & Dialogue. We are so excited to share these stories with you and wanted to take this opportunity to share some resources with you. We will be screening two films, “If Knowledge is the Key” and “Freedom’s Battle at Christiana”. All of the resources below will give you important knowledge and context to understand the films and the post film dialogue on deeper levels

This is NOT homework. If you check out none of these resources you will still enjoy and be inspired by the films you see.

[Profiles of Black Abolitionists \(from the Zinn Education Project\)](#)



Sources about the evolution of race and slavery in the 17th and 18th centuries:

- [PBS Resource Bank of primary and secondary sources](#)
- [Primary Sources: Text of Legal Rulings](#) (includes the Elizabeth Key decision)
- [Primary Sources: Text of Colonial Virginia Laws](#)
- [Article: “The Curious History of Anthony Johnson: From Captive African to Right-wing Talking Point”](#)
- [“We and They in Colonial America”](#) and [“Inventing Black and White”](#) (Facing History And Ourselves Chapters)
- [Secondary Sources: Race, The Power of an Illusion](#) (need to click on “Background Readings”)
- [Primary Sources: Texts of the 1705 Virginia Laws](#)

Sources about the Fugitive Slave Act and William Still

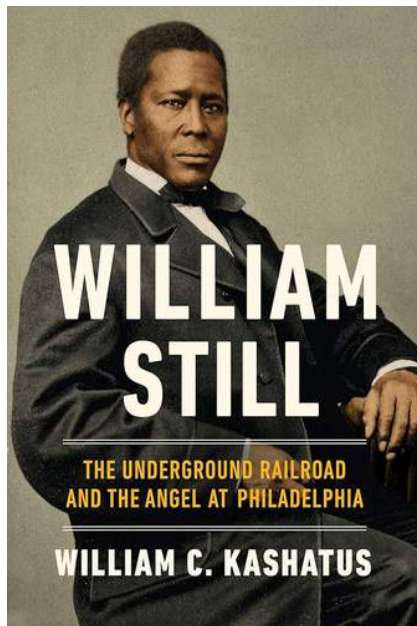
- [Excerpt from *The Making of Frederick Douglass*](#) (Fugitive Slave Act)
- [History.com article about the Fugitive Slave Laws](#) (Fugitive Slave Act)
- [Smithsonian Magazine: William Still: The Forgotten Father of the Underground Railroad](#)
- [Temple University: William Still’s National Significance](#)
- [Penn Today: Honoring William Still on his 200th birthday](#)
- [National Underground Railroad Freedom Center: William Still](#)
- [Time: The Unsung Hero of the Underground Railroad](#)
- [PBS Radio: William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad](#)

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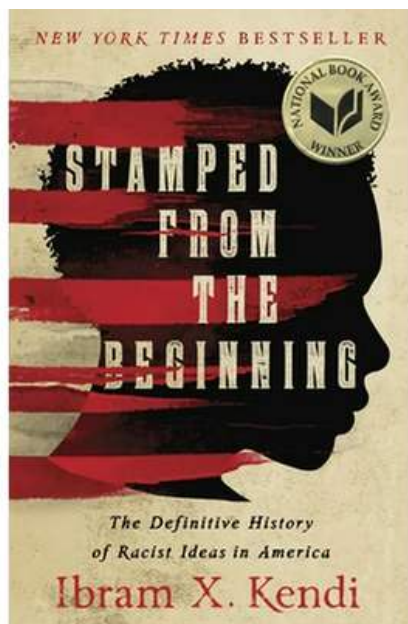
Below are some resources that you should check out if you want to dig more deeply into the stories from the two films. Obviously, check these out whenever you want, but they are meant to enhance your understanding **after** you have experienced the films

Book Suggestions

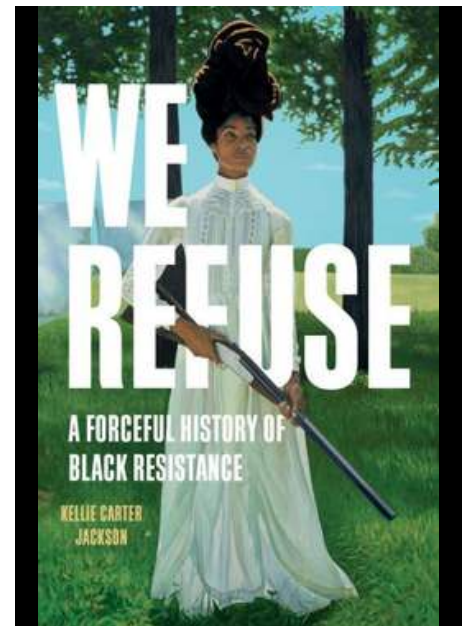
William Still: The Underground Railroad and the Angel at Philadelphia by
William C. Kashatus



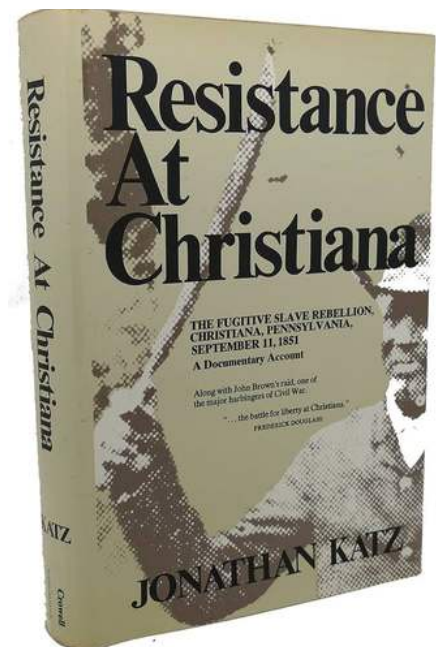
Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi



We Refuse: a Forceful History of Black Resistance by Kellie Carter Jackson



Resistance at Christiana by Jonathan Katz



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Articles, Podcasts, etc.

- (Article) *Dangerous Woman - Elizabeth Key's Freedom Suit and Racialized Identity in Seventeenth Century Colonial Virginia*
- (Podcast) *Scene on Radio: Seeing White*—the whole series is GREAT, but episode 3 in particular contains the story of Elizabeth Key; piece of it were used in “If Knowledge is the Key”
- (Primary Source) *The Freedman's Story* by William Parker—Parker's narrative of the Christiana Resistance; Parker's word were used in the writing of “Freedom's Battle at Christiana”

A Special Preview

Click the image below for a sneak peak at our newest film, “Get a Mule 40 Acres Or So”—part 1 of our three part series called “Freedom's Soil: Land & Liberation” which explores the history of Black land ownership and farming. Make sure you're on our mailing list so we can let you know when we will be screening this one.

