

# What is READ WOKE?

School Librarian Cicely Lewis launched the 'Read Woke' Challenge at her High School in Meadowcreek, GA, and it has since gained national attention.

Lewis describes Read Woke as ..."a feeling. A form of education. A call to action, and our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge to better protect your rights. Learning about others so you treat people with respect and dignity, no matter their religion, race, creed, or color."

## **Books on the SBL READ WOKE Lists must:**

Challenge a social norm

Give voice to the voiceless

Provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised

Seek to challenge the status quo

Have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group

We encourage you to 'READ WOKE' on your own or with us!

The Saxton B. Library will be launching our own

**Read Woke Book Club** for teens (14 and up) & adults.

Pick any book off any of our READ WOKE lists and join us at our first meeting this summer (details will be announced soon!) to share, discuss, and make plans for action.

## **Questions?**

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