

## Teach 4 Liberation Cohort Retreat: New Orleans, August 17<sup>th</sup> Preparing Ourselves

Yo T4L,

Please read the document <BELOW>. You have things you must do, bring, & read for our day together. All of the **pre-work should take you less than 20 min.** We will be spending our retreat day on the Westbank this Sat. August 17<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting at **BlackStar Books and Caffé @ 10:00 a.m. sharp.** Don't.Be.Late. Wear flats. Breakfast will be on me.

**Address:** [800 Belleville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114](#) & we are ending our day @ 5:30 p.m. (or sooner).

Y'all probably have a lot of questions; this day is a mystery for a reason. Just know we'll be **building with community** all day! Do your **pre-work** <BELOW> & show up. \*blows kisses\* ♥



Blackstar Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BlackStarCaffe>

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### High Level Overview:

Click here & read: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUqLGRMrFAG>

Vibe: Good learning - chill - family fun – comfortable being uncomfortable - A-MAZ-ING people. ♥

### Building Trust and Community.

In order to do the good work & enjoy ourselves, we must start by creating community + our collective cohort vision.

### What is ‘Teaching 4 Liberation’?

We will begin to explore Culturally Responsive Teaching and the dispositions A.K.A. the character traits we’ll need to be social justice educators.

### Does the “Who” Show in Our Visions & Actions?

We will explore what makes each of us a unique teacher, ally, & leader. We will simultaneously think about ways to pull this same info out of our students.

### What Is Our Connection to Others?

We will be exploring how our outlook on others changes our actions + the connection we make w/ our students, families, & communities.

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## T4L RETREAT PRE-WORK

1. Please text me 504-343-8197 the name of a song (and the artist and song version if there are different versions) that you'd like to play for the group during our community building time together. I will find it & download it. It can be anything you like.



- 2.) We are having a family style potluck lunch. **Bring 1 dish.** No plates, plastic wear, no drinks, napkins, etc. **FOOD** (i.e. a veggie platter, fruit platter, mini sandwiches, chicken fingers, cupcakes, potato salad, etc.) I'm bringing Jambalaya...I think! ♥



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3.) In honor of Black August <http://breakallchains.blogspot.com/2011/08/black-august-true-history-culture-and.html?m=1> we are **pre-reading** Letter to Birmingham Jail & having a dialogue around its contents led by our own Tiye Jones. We both know this text like the back of our hands. You can't skim it. It takes 9 min. flat to read from your phone. Text link: [http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)



4.) Check out the Culturally Responsive Teaching Weebly + write out 1-2 pressing questions to share whole group after thoroughly reading through the site. <http://culturallyresponsiveteaching.weebly.com/>

