

English Department Video/Reading List
Not In Our Schools Week

Video/Reading	Description	Video/Reading Length
<i>For the Bible Tells Me So</i>	<i>For the Bible Tells Me So</i> is a 2007 documentary directed by Daniel G. Karlslake about homosexuality and its perceived conflict with religion, as well as various interpretations of what the Bible says about same-sex sexuality. It also includes lengthy interview segments with several sets of religious parents (including former House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt and his wife Jane and the parents of Bishop V. Gene Robinson) regarding their personal experiences raising homosexual children, and also interviews with those (adult) children.	90 minutes
<i>Silent Beats</i>	A short film directed by Jon Chu in 2001 that looks at first impressions and assumptions. The story is of an African-American boy that is confronted by the harsh reality of assumptions and stereotypes in an ordinary trip to the convenience store. A link to the video can be found on youtube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76BboyrEI48	6 minutes
<i>Lunch Date</i>	A ten minute clip that challenges assumptions people have about each other, with an especially nice twist at the end. A wealthy woman ends up sharing lunch with a homeless man she thinks is eating her lunch. A link to the video can be found at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eputZigxUY8	10 minutes
<i>Does Race Matter?</i>	A 2008 short documentary directed by Gunn alumni Lisa Ferino that discusses President Obama and the issue of race in our times. Does race matter? Are we a color-blind society? What is the one-drop rule? A UC Berkeley professor and people of different racial backgrounds discuss Barack Obama, biraciality, and race relations. A link to the video can be found on youtube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnotJY8TAdM <i>DVDs also available</i>	10 minutes
<i>Am I Blue?</i>	The book "Am I Blue?" is a collection of sixteen stories dealing with what it's like to grow up as a gay or lesbian teenager. Dealing with homosexuality in teenagers and their parents and friends, these stories will move any reader--gay, straight, questioning, or bisexual. This anthology helps gay kids understand that they are not alone, while shining a light on what it feels like to be homosexual for straight readers. The title story, "Am I Blue?" is recommended for NIOS week, but any of the stories could be great on it's own.	"Am I Blue?" is 15 pages (print is large)

<i>The Bear that Wasn't</i>	A short story about being categorized by others in a way that doesn't truly reflect who you are. The video link is on youtube, but there is also a storybook version available from Facing History. The youtube link can be found at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq0a5JTSGvU	
<i>Not In Our Town: Northern California</i>	<i>Not In Our Town: Northern California</i> looks at five communities over a five year period as they take action when their neighbors are targets of bigotry. Intolerance and hate come in many forms, but the models of response and prevention share a common theme. This urgent and hopeful documentary was filmed by local non-profit media company The Working Group April, 2005. <i>Video tapes and DVDs available.</i>	60 minutes (Each community could be highlighted individually)