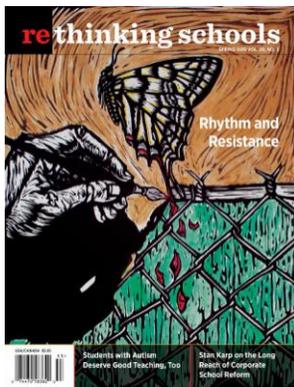


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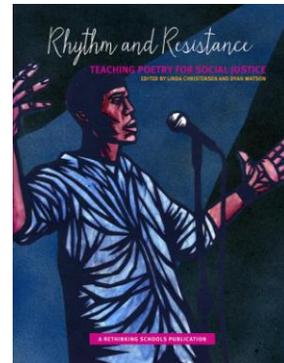


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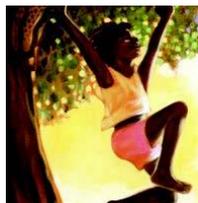
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This month, Rethinking Schools publishes *Rhythm and Resistance: Teaching Poetry for Social Justice*, edited by Linda Christensen and Dyan Watson. Our spring issue features three articles from this new book.

At a time when the regime of standardized testing is squeezing poetry and narrative, social studies and the arts out of the curriculum, social studies and the arts out of the curriculum, *Rhythm and Resistance* presents a vision of teaching and learning with our students' lives at the center.



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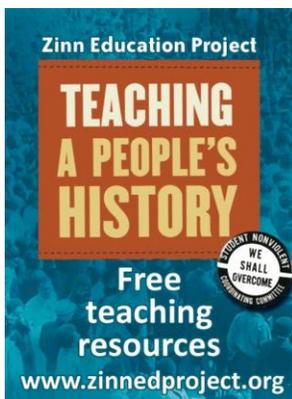
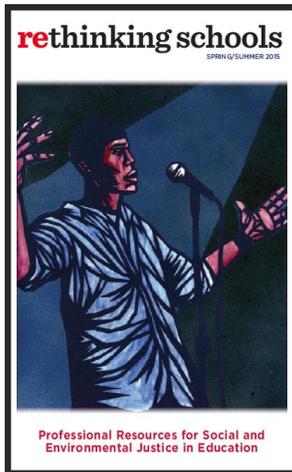
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Social justice in a classroom for students with autism

By Leanna Carollo

A teaching assistant working with students with autism realizes the behavior modification-based teaching strategies she is told to use are robbing her students of voice and independence. She tries something else instead.



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By Bill Bigelow

The Koch-funded Bill of Rights Institute cherry picks the Constitution, history, and current events to hammer home the lesson that freedom means freedom to make money.



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By Stan Karp

A comparison of corporate reform strategies and popular resistance in two very different districts in New Jersey—Newark and Montclair—reveals the flexibility of the privatizers and the potential of solidarity across communities.

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