This listing of reference resources and essential sources provides coverage of afro-pessimism. The counter stone and creating of the term describes the intersection of the diasporic identity and social aspects of blackness. Coined by Sony Lab’ou Tansi’s 1990 article in Jeune Afrique Economie, Afro-Pessimism offers a critical perspective of theorizing diaspora identities and Black existence/non-existence.

Scholars such as Saidiya Hartman, Frantz Fanon, Frank B. Wilderson and Hortense Spillers, amongst many others, have dealt with the subject of anti-blackness and Afro-Pessimism. Essential and canonized literature, comparative literature and various primary sources are included.

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- Diaspora Identities
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- Blackness AND social identities
- “For the culture”
- Race theory
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- Afro-futurism AND diaspora identities AND blackness
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