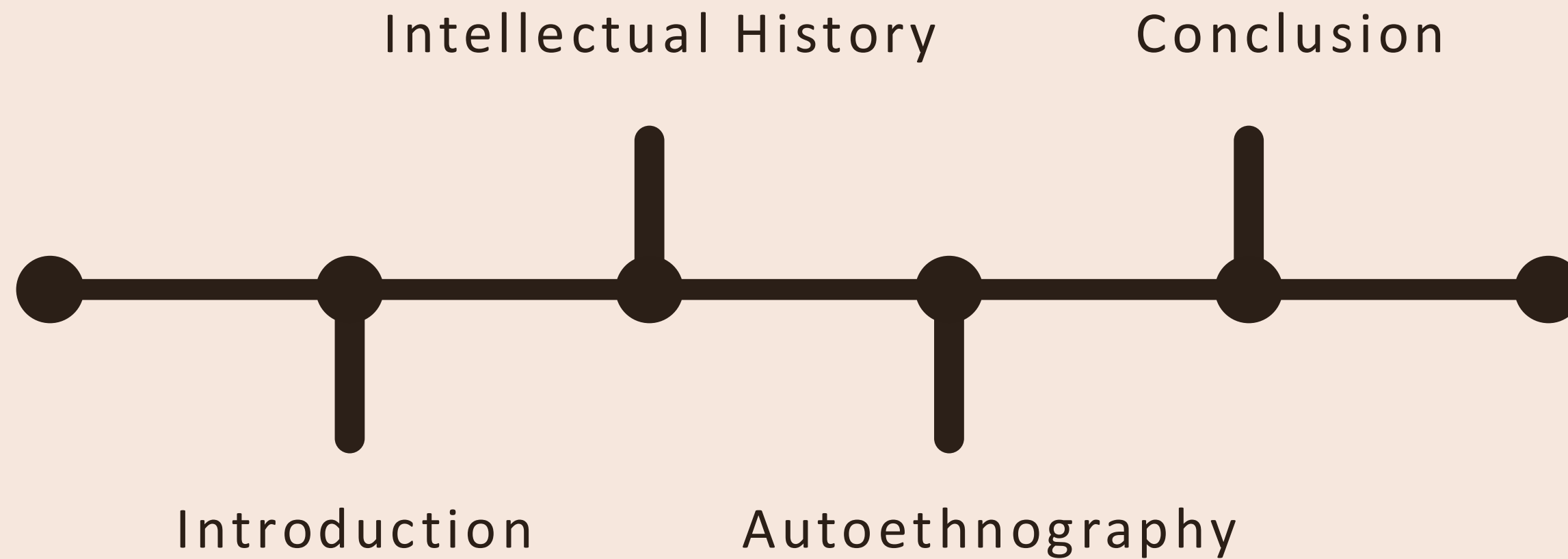


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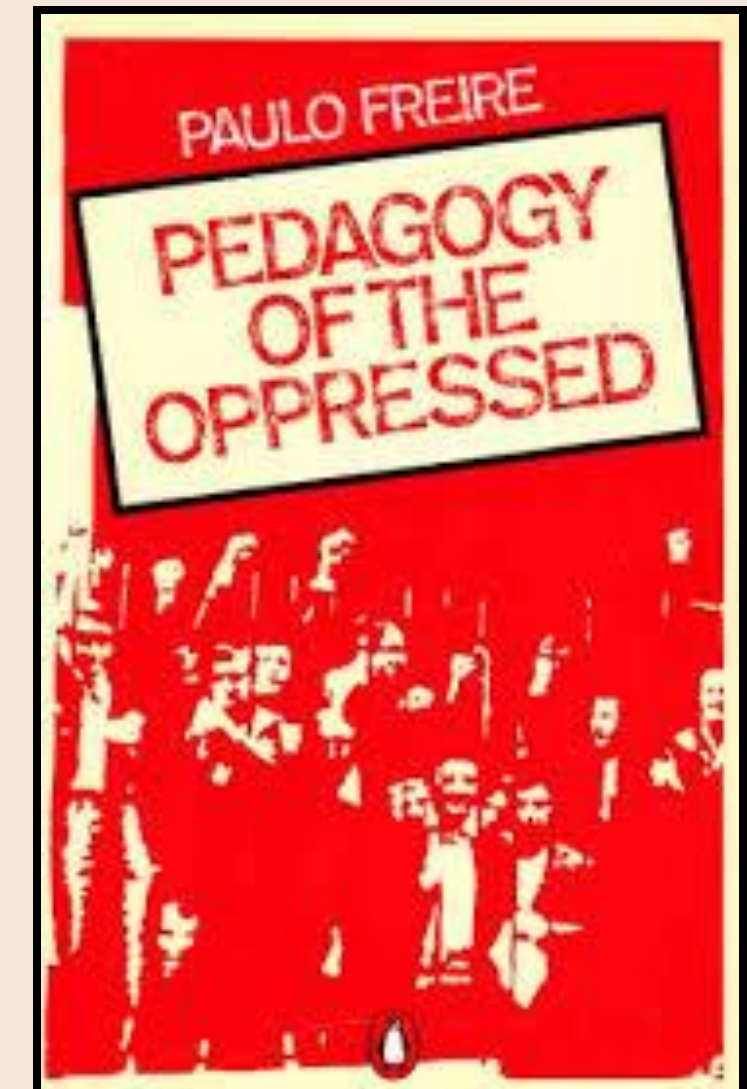
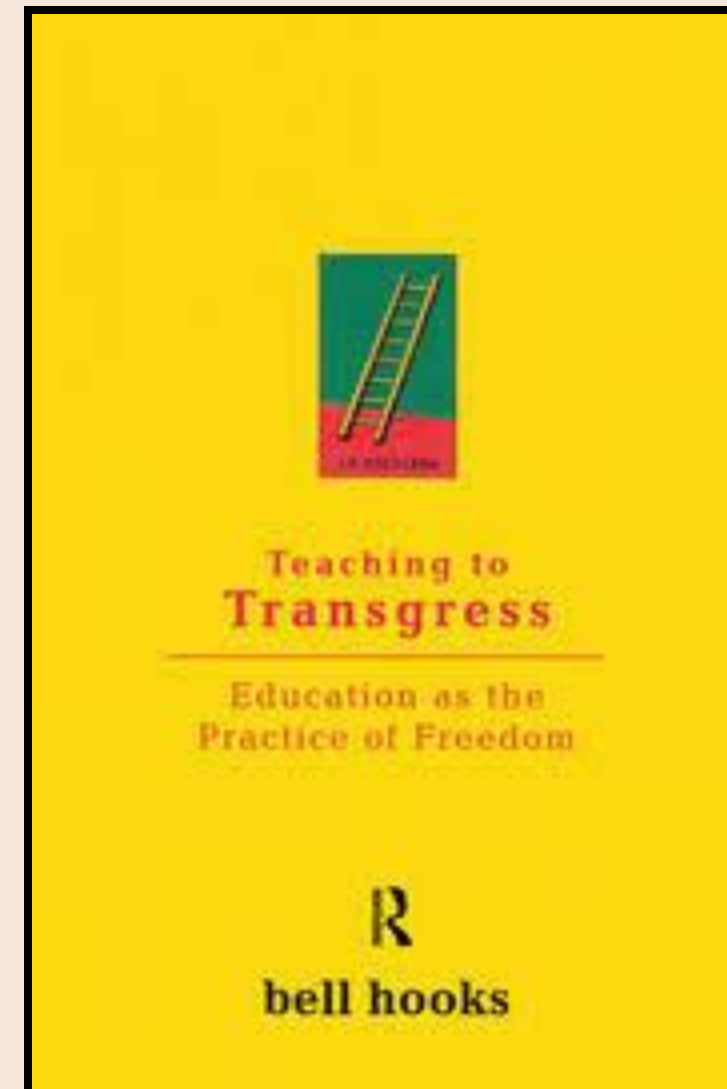
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# Overview



# Introduction

- My inspiration
- What is critical pedagogy and its limits?
- Terms & definitions



# Intellectual History

- What ideas led up to critical pedagogy?
- Theorists referenced:
  - Karl Marx
  - Mary Wollstonecraft
  - Henry David Thoreau
  - Anna Julia Cooper
  - W.E.B. Du Bois



# Autoethnography

- My positionality
- State standards and testing
- Classroom setup and lesson planning
- Critique and dialogue in the classroom
- Freedom dreaming
- Antiracist teaching



# Conclusion

- The role of theory in education
- Purpose of education
- Necessity of public schools
- The role of white educators

