

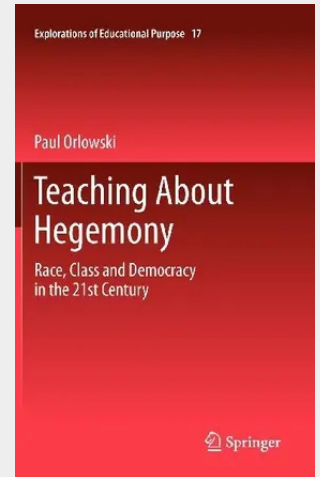
Teaching About Hegemony

Race, Class and Democracy in the 21st Century

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