

# Equal, Really?

## General

### Grade Level

Elementary School

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### Type of Lesson

Challenge

### Type of Project (Individual/Group/Both)

Individual

### Duration

30-60 minutes

## Challenge Question

The Declaration of Independence stated that “We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” Were ALL equal? Create the front page of a newspaper examining that question, using the three selected images to make your point.

## Rationale

Teachers are able to check the students’ understanding of equal rights of select groups throughout history.

## Steps

1. Go to My Collection to find the quote from the Declaration of Independence, “We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all mean are created equal.” Use the source analysis questions to learn

who wrote this, when, and why. What does this tell you?

2. Go to My Collection to look at three images for this challenge. Use the source analysis questions to learn more about each image. What do these images tell you about equality?
3. Go to Create. Using the quote and the images, write a newspaper article that talks about the challenges, setbacks, and accomplishments of each group in the image. Your newspaper should answer the challenge question: Were ALL equal?
4. Can you think of another group that was not treated equally? Feel free to add an additional article for that group.

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