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The Constitution and Civil Rights

Constitutional Amendment 15

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation

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Do you have a rule in your classroom about whether blond kids or brunette kids can spend more time at the drinking fountain?

Of course not.

Why not?

It is not a problem, color of hair has nothing to do with how thirsty you are or what the drinking fountain rules are.

So why do you think we have a Constitutional Amendment saying that people of all color have the right to vote?

Lead the children through the facts that this was one of many areas in which African American people were disenfranchised. Then discuss the inequity of power. How is one supposed to act peacefully within a system for change, if the system is structurally designed to subjugate one?