

**19th Judicial Circuit Court, Lake County
Law Day 2022 Virtual Awards Ceremony
Friday, May 6th, 2022**



2022 LAW DAY WINNERS

Kindergarten *Coloring Contest*

3RD PL – Rose Cabell

Gurnee Christian Academy,

Ms. Erin Moore



United We Stand



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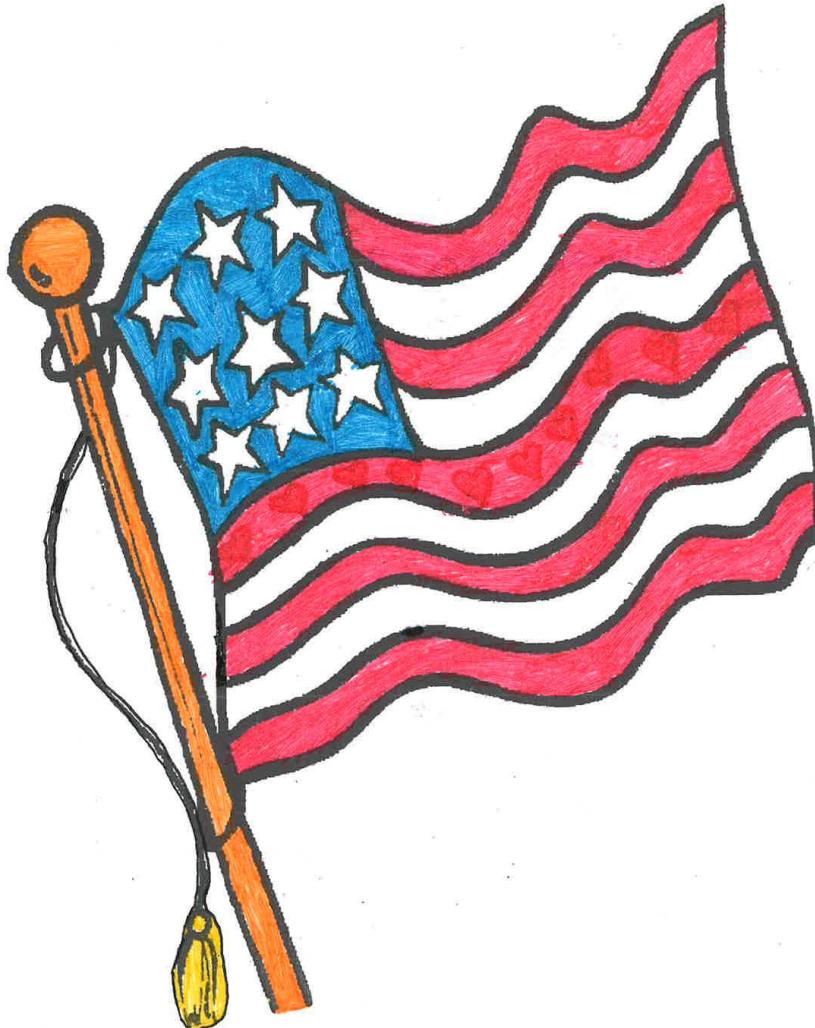
Kindergarten *Coloring Contest*

2ND PL – Emma Hall

St. Patrick School - Wadsworth,
Ms. Linda Esser



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1ST PL – Lucas Atwood

St. Patrick School - Wadsworth,
Ms. Linda Esser



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FIRST GRADE

Coloring Contest

3RD PL – Monroe Medina

Woodland Elementary East,

Ms. Jan Wilinski



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Coloring Contest

2ND PL – Aria Collett

Woodland Elementary East,

Ms. Jan Wilinski



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1ST PL – Logan Montague

Woodland Elementary East,

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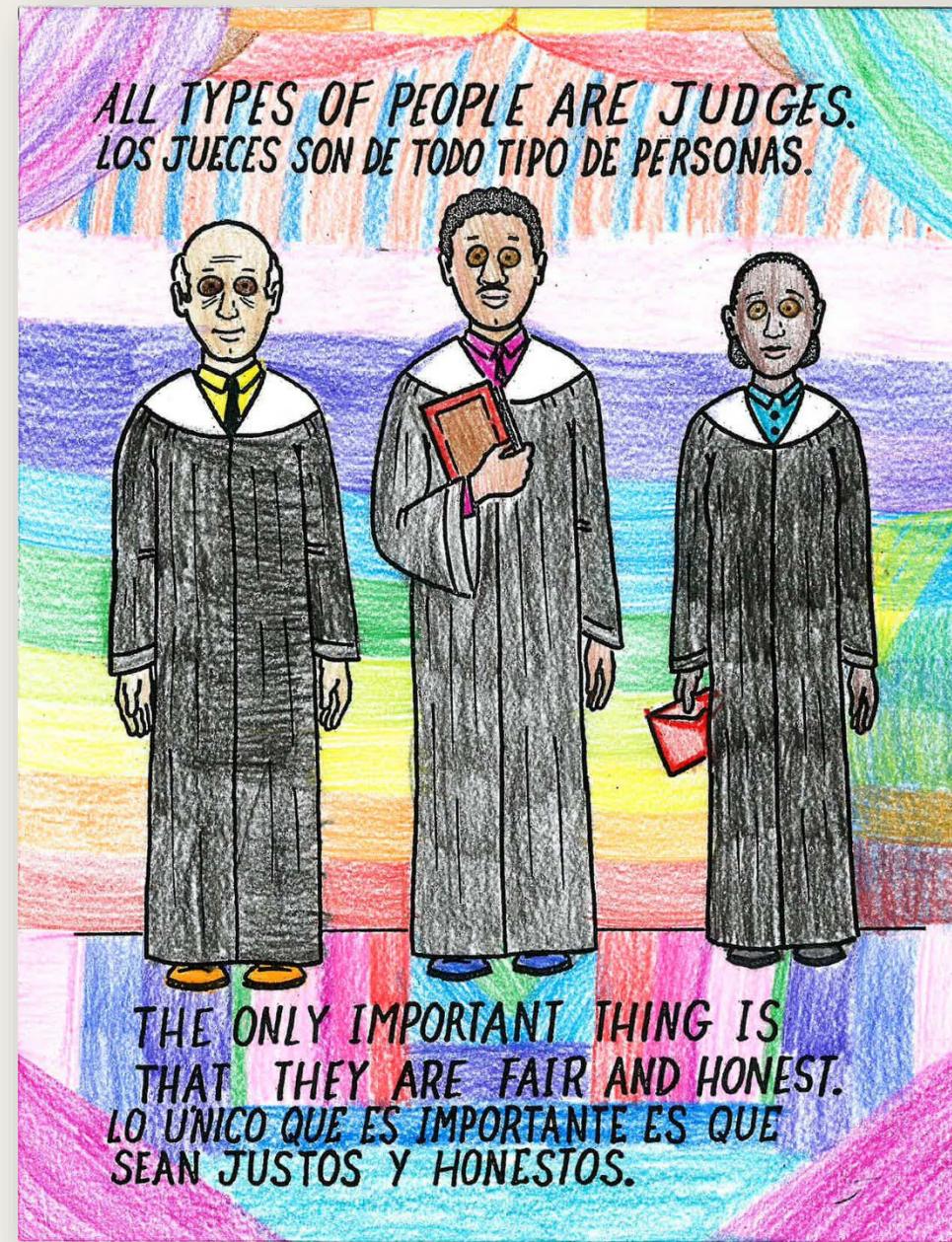
SECOND GRADE

Coloring Contest

3rd PL – Stella Parks

Oak Grove School,

Ms. Aubrey Bernsee



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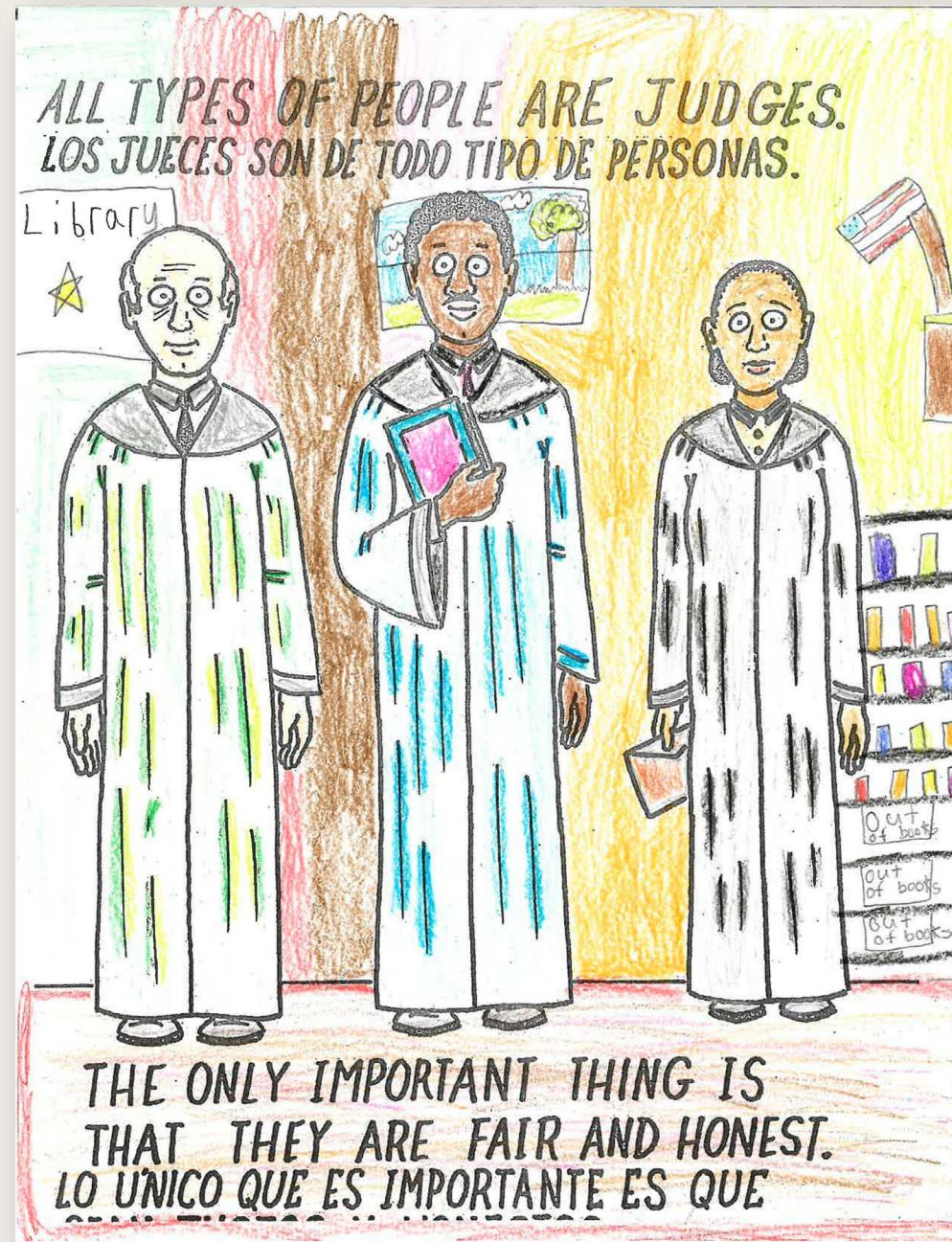
SECOND GRADE

Coloring Contest

2nd PL – Ariana Slater

Woodland Elementary East,

Ms. Jan Wilinski



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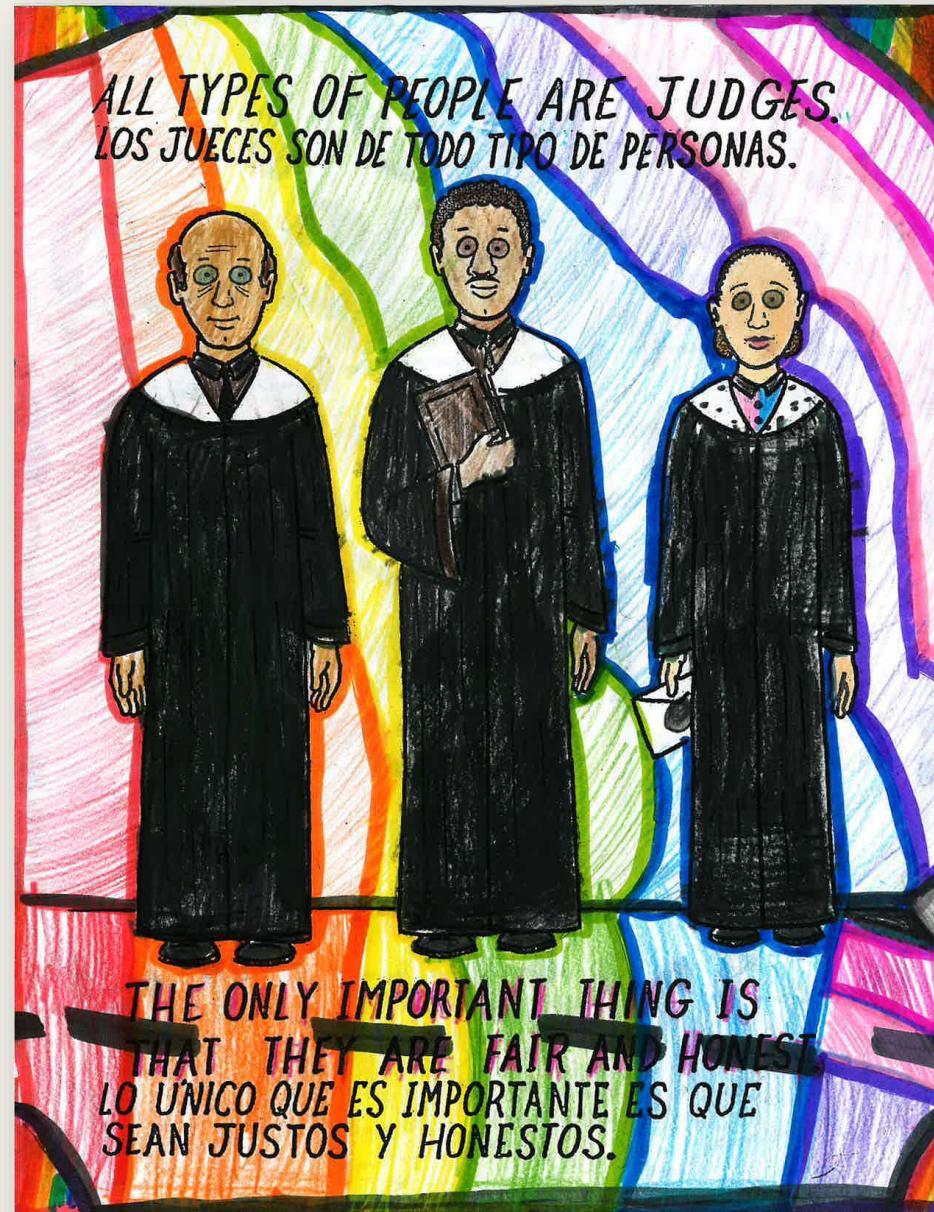
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Coloring Contest

1st PL – Claire Bilcox

Oak Grove School,

Ms. Aubrey Bernsee



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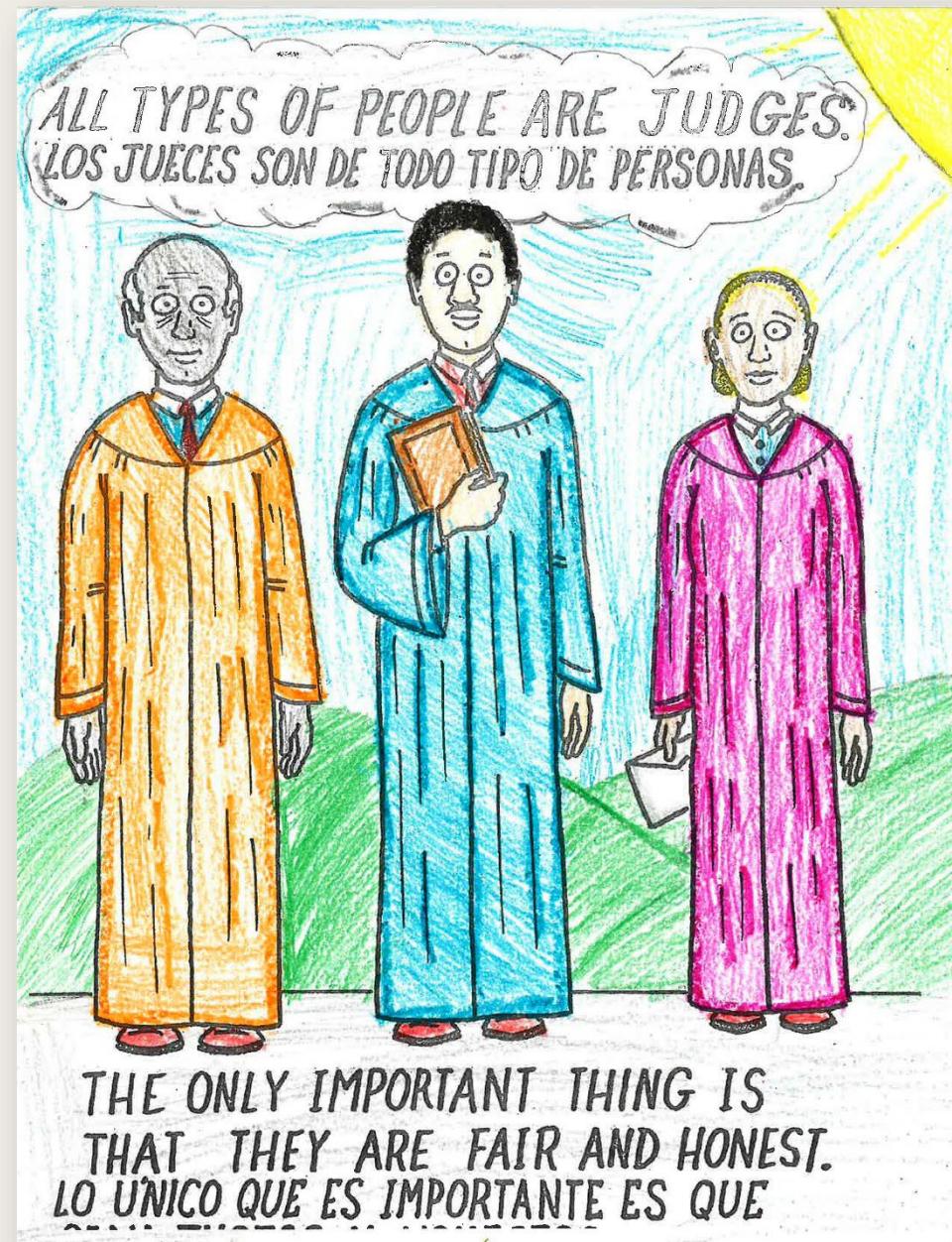
THIRD GRADE

Coloring Contest

3RD PL - Abigail Bourgeois

Woodland Elementary East,

Ms. Jan Wilinski



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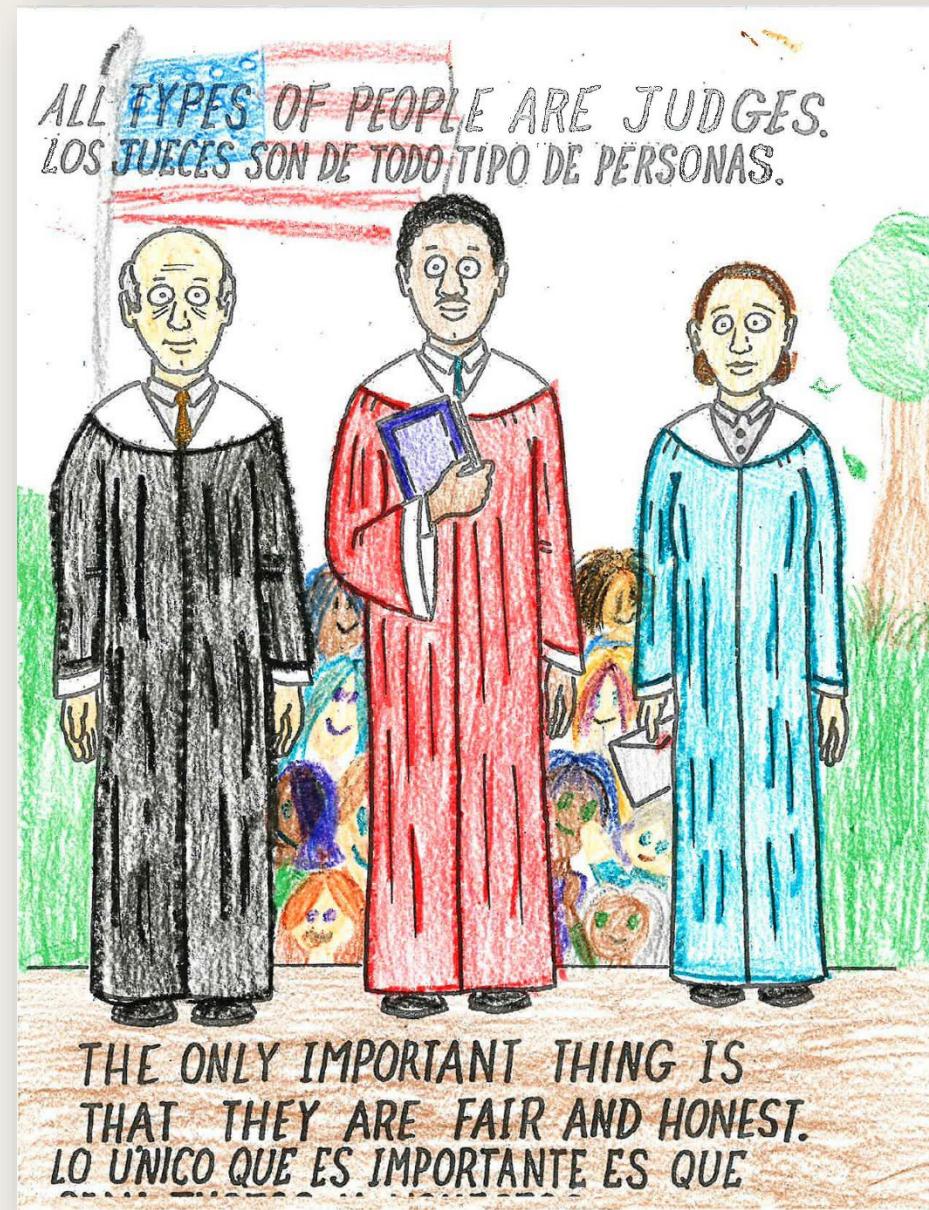
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Coloring Contest

2ND PL – Lorelai Sincora

Woodland Elementary East,

Ms. Jan Wilinski



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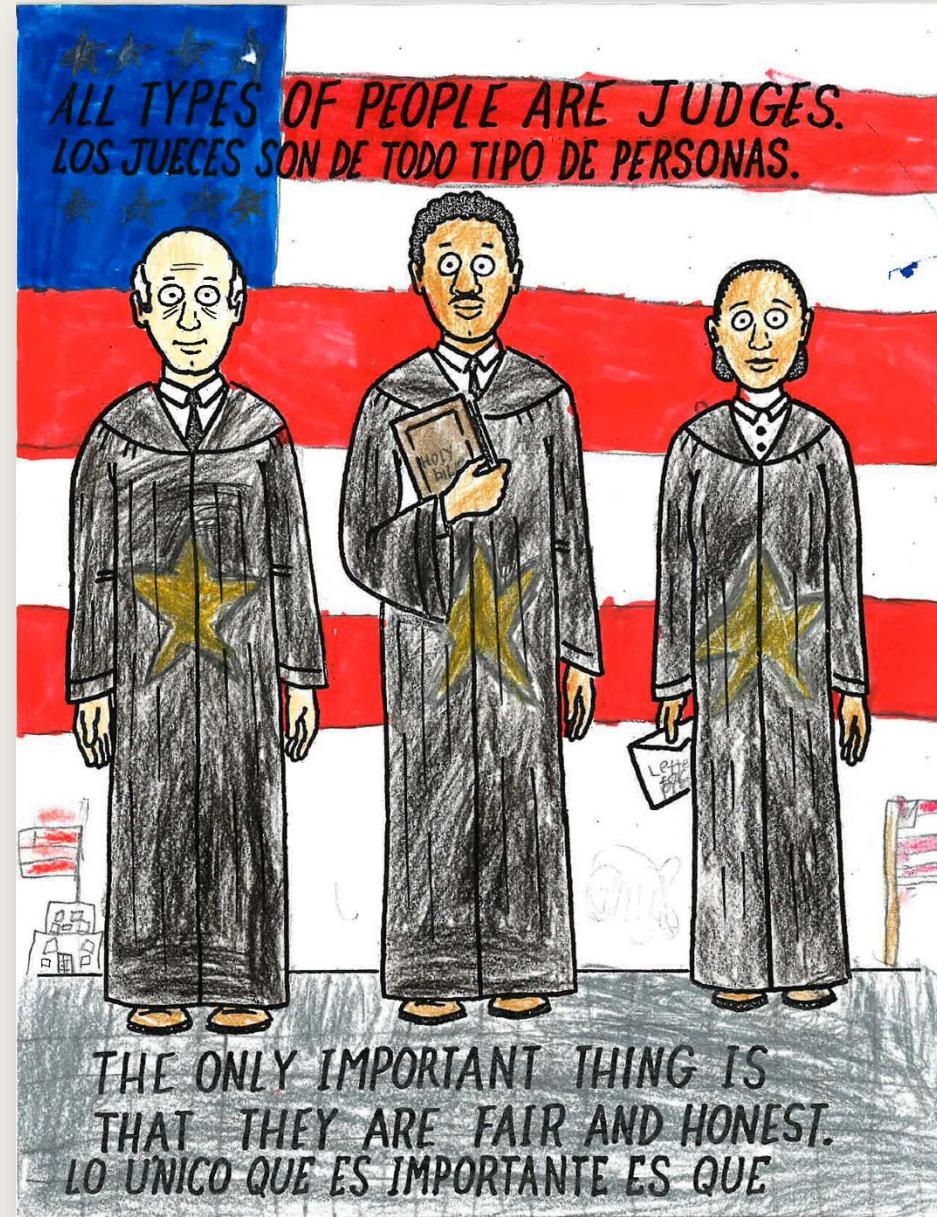
THIRD GRADE

Coloring Contest

1ST PL – Greyson Johnson

Gurnee Christian Academy,

Mrs. Frances Lindsey



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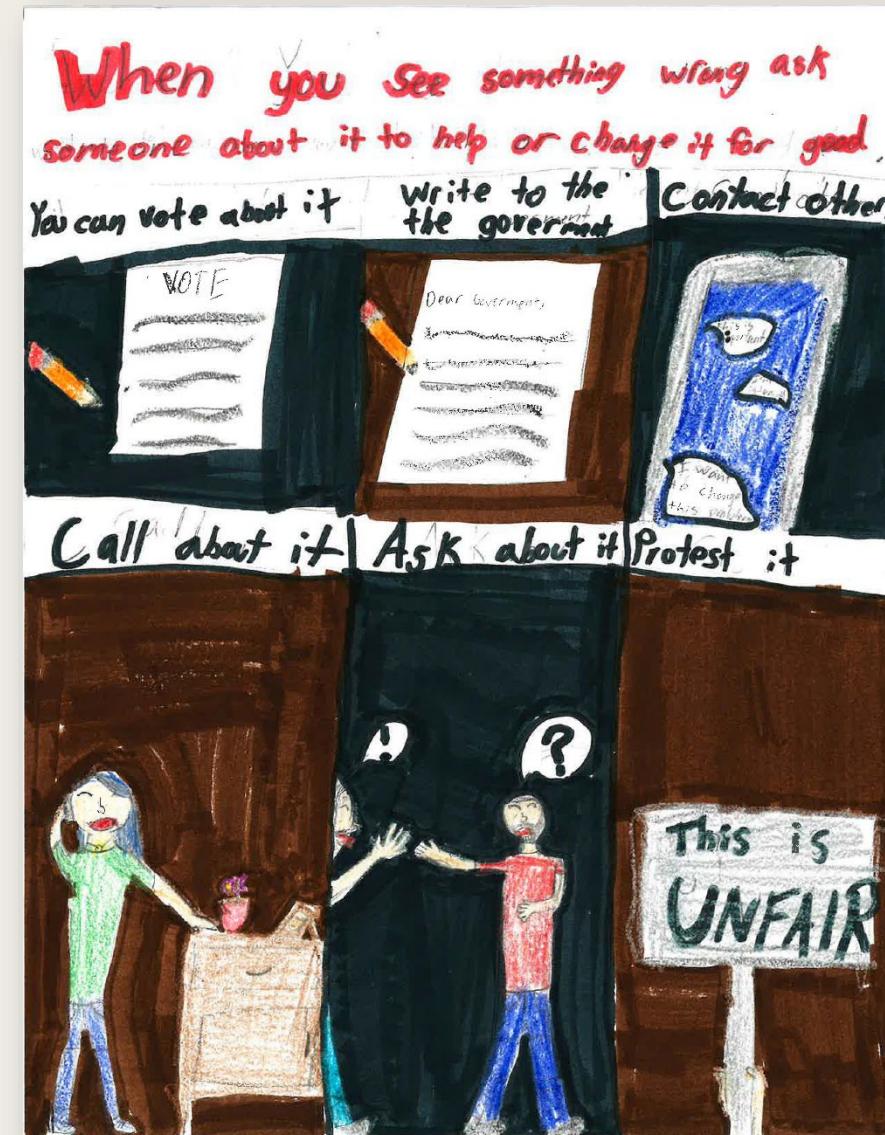
FIFTH GRADE

Poster Contest

3RD PL – Julia Nicoline

St. John Lutheran,

Ms. Monica Wintrone



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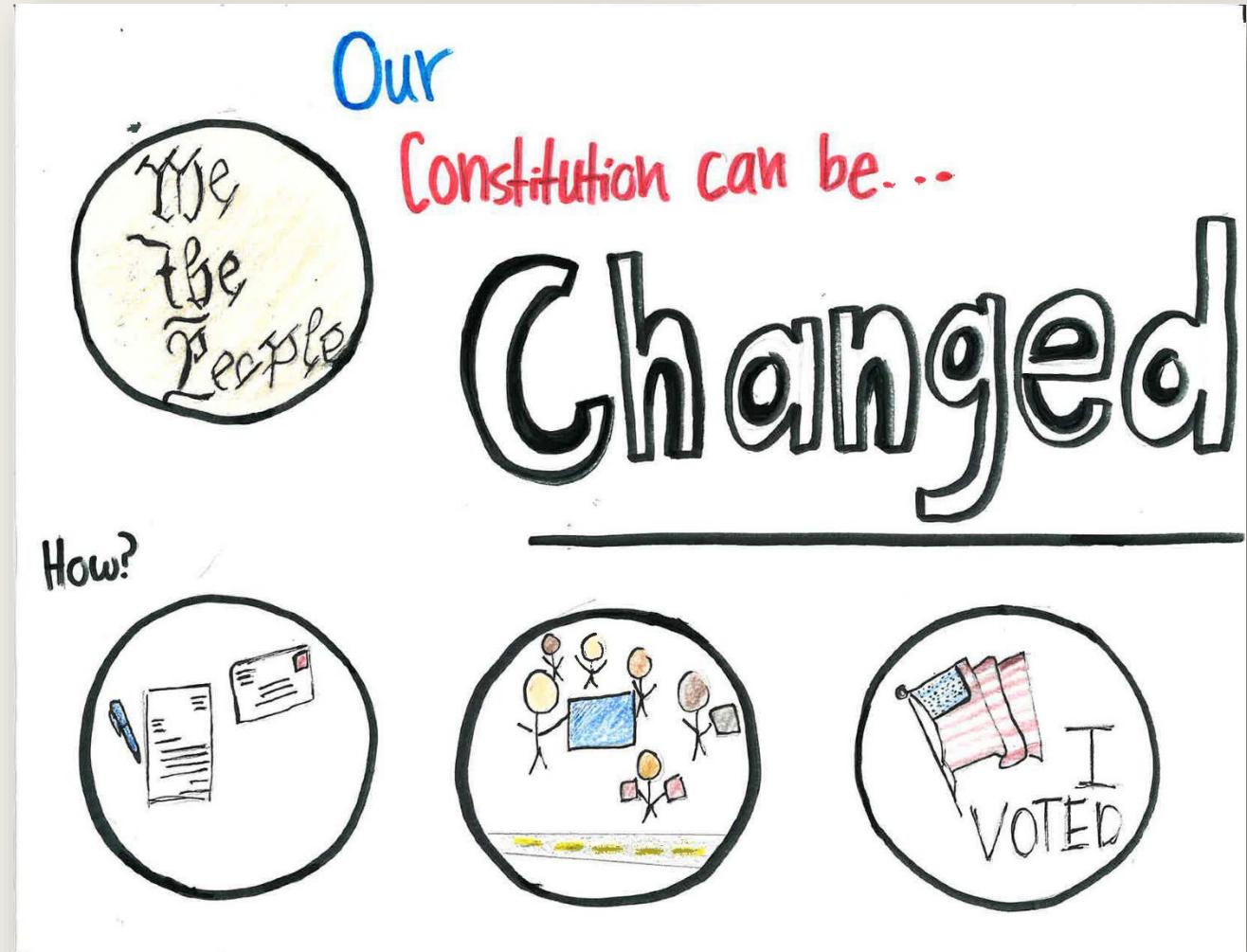
SIXTH GRADE

Poster Contest

2ND PL – Natalia Haakenson

St. John Lutheran School,

Ms. Monica Wintrone



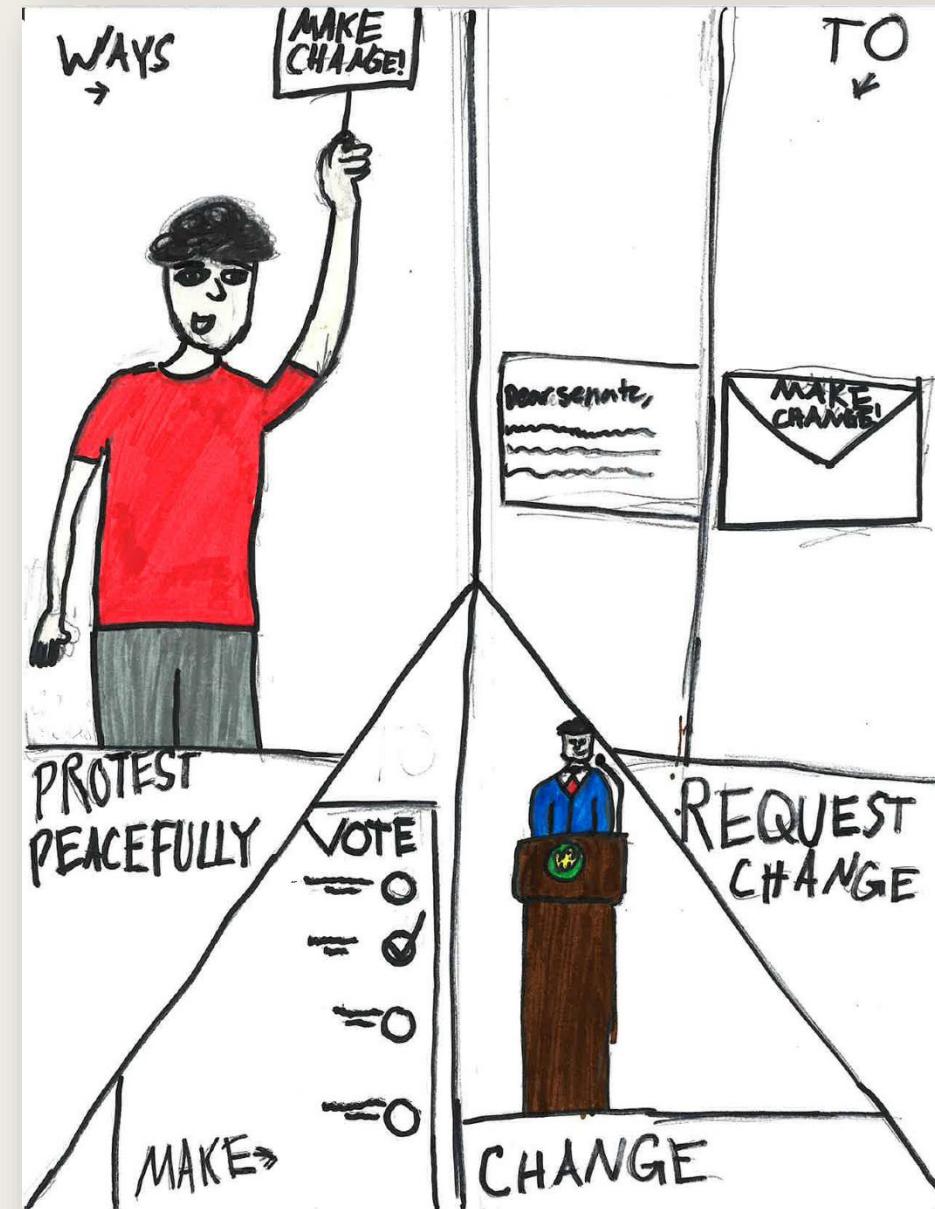
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FIFTH GRADE

Poster Contest

1ST PL – Gerwyn Catapat

St. John Lutheran School,
Ms. Monica Wintrone



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SEVENTH GRADE

Essay Contest

3RD PL – Payton Commons

Our Lady of Humility School,

Ms. Michelle Spangle



Pavton Commons

Making Justice Equal Will Help Make A Better Union

If you were to steal a car, what would your punishment be? Would it be the same as a movie star? Would it be the same as someone who is a minority? The Justice system has three principles which include quality, fairness and access. The Justice system needs to be rethought as it does not deliver equally with fair access or the same quality of representation, which results in punishments not being the same for the same crime.

It has one system for rich people and one for poor people and since it does not deliver equally, it can result in bail, sentencing and fines not being the same for the same crime. If we are all equal, we would all receive the same fines and punishments for the same crimes. This is not always the case. If you are wealthy, you may not receive the punishment that a minority may receive for the same crime simply because one has money and the other does not.

Two areas to explore are sentencing and fines when looking at our Justice system and how we are not all treated equally. The bail system punishes poor people who don't have money compared to the rich who can pay and get released for the same crimes. According to the American Bar Association, in 2019, as many as 500,000 people were being held in local jails across the country because they could not pay their bail and most were for low-level offenses.

The poor also have a tendency to spend more time in jail than someone who is rich. According to The Sentencing Project, America incarcerates over 2.2 million people—more than any other

percent in 40 years. It is not because of a growing crime. Black men serve sentences that are nearly 20 times longer than white men for the same crimes. They also indicated that federal judges tend to give shorter sentences than what's recommended by the guidelines. Examples of how the Eighth Amendment can be violated include the difference between poor versus rich or white versus a

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SEVENTH GRADE *Essay Contest*

2ND PL – Gadiel Suruy

Gurnee Christian Academy,

Mr. Javier Navarette



Gadiel Suruy
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A More Perfect Union

James Madison is known as the Father of the Constitution because of his pivotal role in the document's drafting as well as its ratification. The Constitution was written during the summer of 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by 55 delegates to a Constitutional Convention that was called ostensibly to amend the Articles of Confederation, the country's first written constitution. The Emancipation Proclamation and constitutional amendments of the 1860s represented a major step forward toward the "creation of a more perfect union."

The abolition of slavery confirmed a national commitment to the "self-evident truth" that "all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain" So we should all be treated equally, and help keep the country together as one. It establishes the governmental framework for the United States. A more perfect Union meant building a country that could take advantage of the strengths the states gained from working together.

I believe that the constitution helps have a more perfect union by guaranteeing equality to any person. Now thankfully the racism is not bad anymore like back then. So we could be treated the same way as others.

The constitution helps have a more perfect union by protecting citizens. The citizens are protected by police, certain rights and more. Since the constitution protects the citizens they would gain more trust. The people would be more free and more liberty.

The constitution helps have a more perfect by guaranteeing basic rights. The rights that the constitution gives is freedom of religion, free speech, economic rights, right for education, fundamental rights, etc. It will apply for every person. So it would be better for everyone.

In conclusion, A more perfect union is working together. And we shouldn't be raises to other people that are not your same color of skin. We should be more united with each other.

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SEVENTH GRADE

Essay Contest

1ST PL – Paige Chorazy

St. Patrick School-Wadsworth,

Ms. Becki Miekczynski



Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change

What happens when things get old or out of date? We replace it or get an upgraded model of course. Just look at Apple, who over the last couple of years, has released at least three new iPhones annually. The Constitution has been around for about 233 years, and in that time it has only been changed 27 times. If you think about it, it is not a lot considering how the world and the people in it are always changing constantly. The Constitution is an evolving document that should change to match society's changing political and social viewpoints, but first, we must understand the Constitution's history.

The last time the Constitution was amended was 30 years ago in 1992. This 27th amendment was enacted to prevent members of Congress from granting themselves pay raises. Some other very important amendments that have changed the Constitution are the 13th (Abolition of Slavery and Involuntary Servitude) and the 19th (Women's Right to Vote). The Constitution should not be completely erased and started over, but it does need to be updated to match society's political viewpoints.

The world has become so divided into political parties that they often can't agree on anything, but they need to make a compromise to get the Constitution changed. Even Thomas Jefferson believed that any constitution should expire after nineteen years: "If it be enforced longer, it is an act of force and not of right." Most politicians consider the validity of the Constitution off-limits as a subject for debate. The Constitution is a structure for us to govern ourselves, but it is not set in stone. We can and should study the Constitution and change it to benefit society and keep everyone safe.

One example would be the second amendment (the right to bear arms). That amendment made sense at the time because it was the Revolutionary War, but many people today would argue that weapons do more harm than good. We can change it peacefully, because no matter what side of the argument you are on, you can express your viewpoints. If enough people agree on it we could change it peacefully and legally.

In conclusion, we *should* update the Constitution when needed to match society's viewpoints. We *should* continue to use the Constitution as a guideline. Life is not the same as it was when the Constitution was first written. We can not continue to live in the past, but we need to make a future for ourselves. Even the authors of the Constitution agreed that it should be changed, which is why the changes are called amendments.

• Paige Chorazy Paige Chorazy

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EIGHTH GRADE *Essay Contest*

3RD PL – Sophia Patino

St. Patrick School -Wadsworth,
Ms. Becki Miekczynski



As society progresses it is essential that the very rules that define the United States as a society are reformed as well. The Constitution allows our government the opportunity to adapt in changing times and improve the state of our country. Throughout the intricate history of the Constitution there have been numerous ratifications and amendments, further proving the statement that the government is not yet finished creating this idea of a perfect union. Although there is a much longer road to making the United States perfect, the outcome is looking rather hopeful.

The history of the Constitution is certainly a tumultuous one, riddled with amendments that mostly contributed towards bettering the country. Ever since the Constitution was established in 1787, there have been thousands of attempts at amendments but only twenty-seven have passed successfully and twenty-six that are active today. The topic over which amendments are the most vital is debatable, although there are some that without a doubt had a greater impact on how society functioned. For example, the 13th Amendment abolished slavery forever in the United States and altered the way that United States citizens lived their lives. Congress was pushed into action by the public uproar and the grave repercussions of avoiding this dire issue and this is true for most of the other amendments.

Amendments are a result of public opinion changing over the years, and the 19th Amendment which allowed women to vote is a prime example of that. It was passed and made into law after widespread protests to do so from the public. Other amendments may come directly from the government, and they will do what they think will ultimately satisfy the majority of the public as well as what will help the United States progress as a society. Public opinion is one of the most vital factors lawmakers take into account when analyzing the Constitution and determining how it should be interpreted through various laws.

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Essay Contest

2ND PL – Zoey Zwiefelhofer

St. Patrick School - Wadsworth,

Ms. Becki Miekczynski



Zoey Zwiefelhofer

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Grade Level: 8th Grade

Law Day Essay

On June 21st 1788 the constitution was approved and set in place the laws and rights of the people living in the United States of America. The constitution has been a growing and changing document since that day. It continues to strengthen our democracy and laws. The 27 amendments of the Constitution help drive us forward to a more perfect union. Through the Constitution we are able to advance society and make a fairer and better country for everyone.

The Constitution is a growing and evolving document that reflects the values and beliefs of the current and past society. Even though society is always changing, the Constitution provides a backbone to our democracy that gives us direction in our path forward. Important issues have been debated by the Supreme Court and some issues have been made into amendments. Some of the most important amendments are the 13th, 14th, 19th and 26 amendments. These amendments helped to give more rights to people to make a fair and equal democracy that hears and listens to the voice of everyone. For example, the 13th amendment ended and abolished slavery in the United States, the 14th amendment gave African American citizenship and rights while the 19th and 26th amendments granted women the right to vote and lowered the voting age to 18 years old. These amendments are examples of how the Constitution has helped to create a more perfect union. While every individual has their idea of what their

, the Constitution has been able to push the United States
ends of everyone. The 4,440 words of the Constitution reflect

are living through a period of division and tension. Political
and every day. People want to hear what validates their opinion
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stitution has helped propel our country forward. In the quest to founding fathers crafted a document that provided the d a guide for its continued growth. This document has been to make the United States of America a better country for all continue to evolve with the future generations' vision for a

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EIGHTH GRADE

Essay Contest

1ST PL – Andrew Schmitz

St. Patrick School - Wadsworth,

Ms. Becki Miekczynski



How

How Does the Constitution Move the United States Towards a More Perfect Union?

Over the past three years, the United States has been disunited on serious issues like class division, pandemic response, immigration policies, and race equality. When our country faces division, we can find refuge in our founding values documented in the Constitution. The Constitution guides us in our response to issues facing the country with the common goal of forming a more perfect union.

Freedom and individual rights are key components of the Constitution, and Bill of Rights, fostering the formation of a more perfect union. The Constitution protects and guides natural rights including the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Constitution also supports a republic where U.S. citizens have the opportunity to take an active role in their government by electing representatives to exercise power for them. These components of the Constitution provide guidance, options, and hope for those left discouraged by inequality or uncertainty.

The Constitution further supports a more perfect union through separation of power and checks and balances. The powers of the government are separated and balanced against each other to keep any one person or branch of government from having too much power. Furthermore, federal and state governments have shared powers. The federal government is divided into three branches: Legislative, executive, and judicial. The legislative branch, or Congress, is the lawmaking branch of the government. Congress is comprised of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Both the House and Senate must pass a bill for it to become law. The executive branch, headed by the President, can limit Congress by vetoing the bill. Congress can then restrict the President by overriding the veto with a two-thirds vote for the bill by both houses of Congress. Another example of checks and balances is that the President appoints Supreme Court justices, and the Senate must approve the appointments. These examples of separation of power and checks and balances within the Constitution support the goal of forming a more perfect union, including action on recent issues like class division, pandemic response, immigration policies, and race equality. In these instances, separation of power allows representation for all voices no matter what side of an issue they are on.

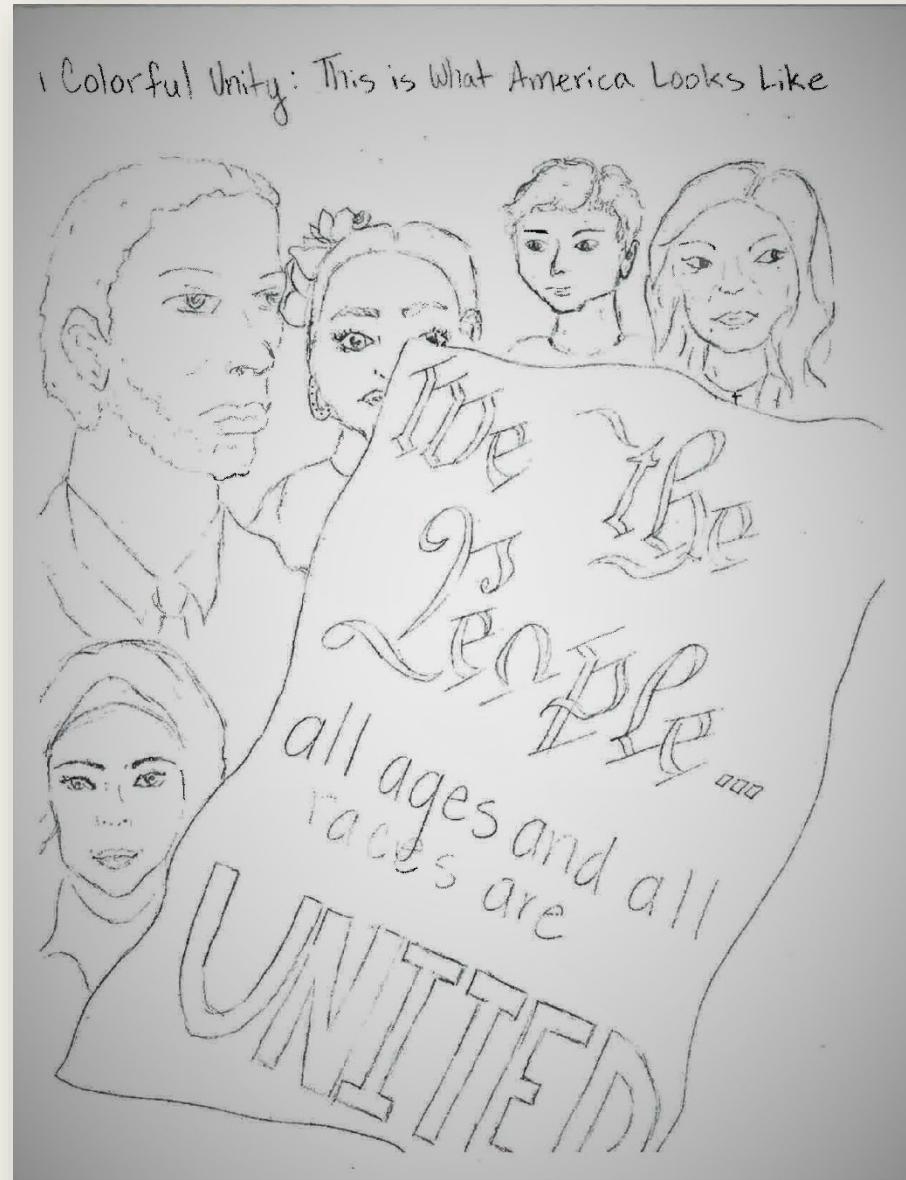
The Constitution is a final and supreme authority to support a more perfect union within the United States. Disputes and disunity on matters like class division, pandemic response,

the Constitution to find solutions. These individual rights, and separation of power, union in the United States.

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Illustration *Eighth Grade*

Winner: Anna Haakenson
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Mr. Justin Wintrone



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Thank you for Participating!