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Student Handout

*Read the 14th Amendment, Section 1 below. **Highlight** or underline the segment that refers to "equal protection."*

The 14th Amendment: Section I

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

What does it mean to have "equal protection of the law?"



Do you believe you have and the people you know have equal protection of the law? Explain why or why not?



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Read the [petition](#) that led to the *Briggs v. Elliot Case*. Document the claims made by petitioners and determine if they violate the 14th Amendment by denying equal protection of the law. Explain your answer.

CLAIM	DENIES EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW?	EXPLANATION
	☐ YES ☐ NO	
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Do you believe that the African American students of School District No. 22, of Clarendon County, South Carolina, were denied equal protection of the law? Provide an explanation with evidence.