



Equal Protection of the Laws

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Warm-Up Think-Pair-Share



- Do you recall this incident last summer?
- Do you believe Professor Gates received the “equal protection of the laws?” Explain.

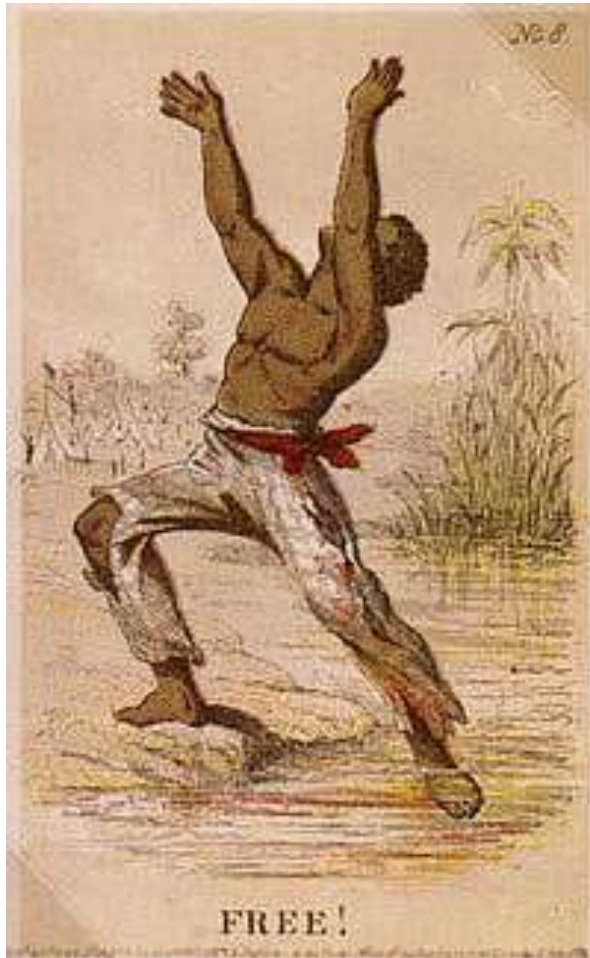
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The Emancipation Proclamation and 13th Amendment

- Lincoln first offered compensated emancipation plus colonization
- Emancipation Proclamation was military measure to free slaves, recruit blacks for Union
- Lincoln supported 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery



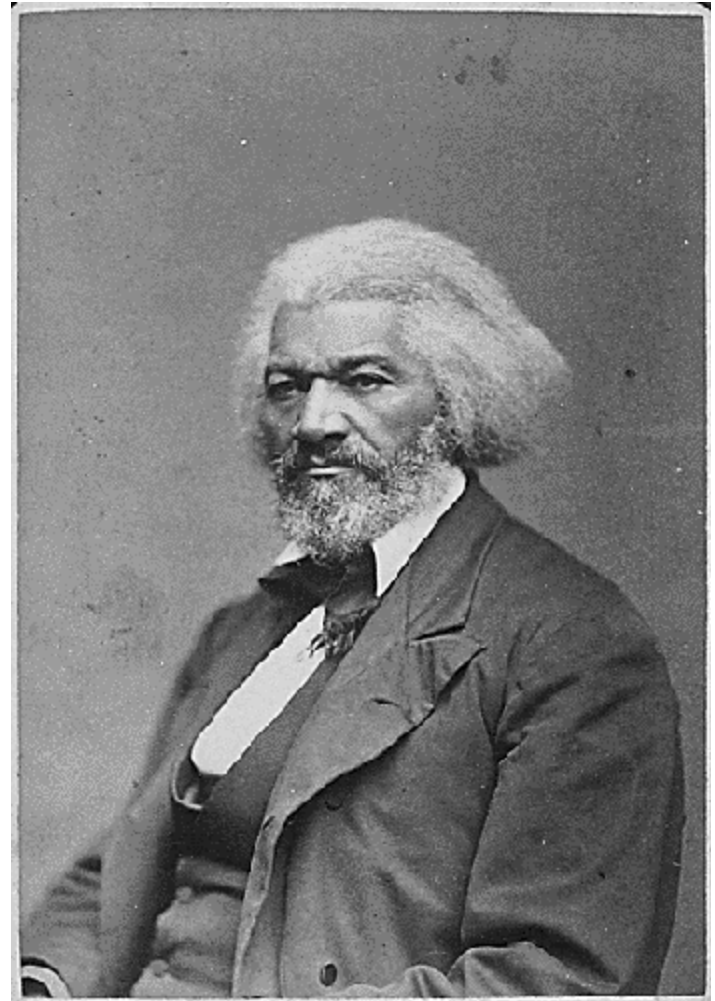
The 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause



- “No State shall . . . deny to any person within its jurisdiction the *equal protection of the laws*”
- Meant government could not unreasonably discriminate
- Courts applied “rational basis test” or “strict scrutiny test”

Reconstruction's Rise and Fall

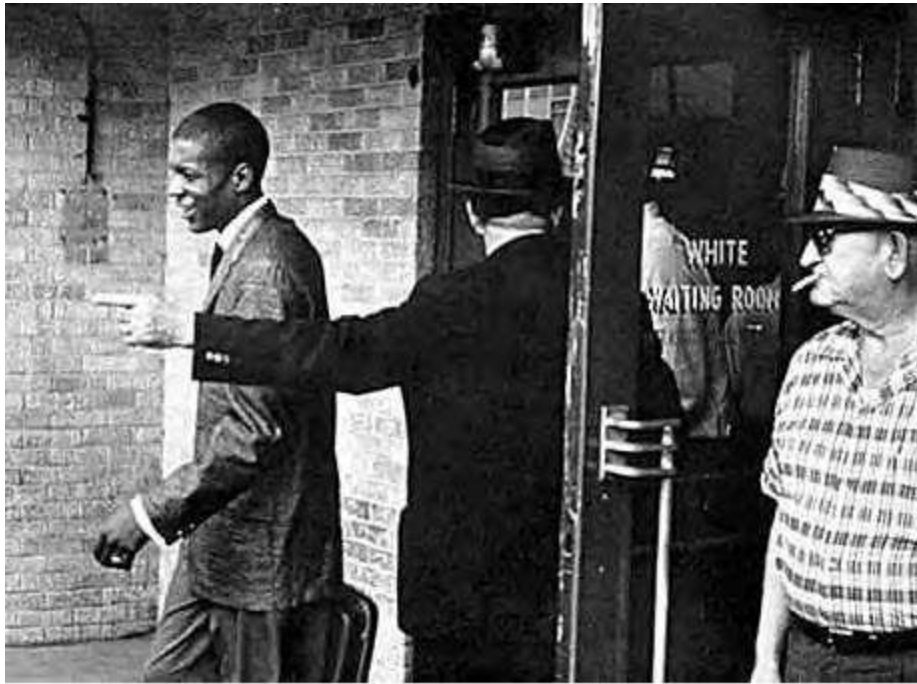
- Reconstruction collapsed in 1877
- “I here and now denounce his so-called emancipation as a stupendous fraud . . . a fraud upon the world”
– Frederick Douglass,
1889



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Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)

- Supreme Court upheld La. Law requiring segregation in rail coaches
- Court created “separate-but-equal” doctrine
- Ruled separate facilities for African Americans and whites were constitutional under Equal Protection Clause



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Jim Crow and Lynchings

- By late 1800s, nearly half of states passed Jim Crow laws requiring segregation of races



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- African American singer Billy Holiday sang “Strange Fruit”



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Brown v. Board of Education (1954)

- Supreme Court declared separate public schools for whites and blacks “inherently unequal” and violated Equal Protection Clause
- Court ordered states to promptly end segregation “with all deliberate speed”



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Classwork

- Foldable Timelines
 - Students will develop foldable timelines identifying and illustrating seven landmark developments in the area of equal protection
 - Teacher distributes paper and instructions, then instructs students as to proper folding method
 - Students must include title of foldable on outer flap, a label for the border of each section, and a simple illustration and bullet points for inside each panel

Wrap-Up

- Summarize the main points of this lesson on equal protection in one well-constructed sentence