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Vocabulary:

The Fight for What's Right

- 1. appalled (uh-PAWLD)** *adjective*; The verb *appall* means “to overcome with shock or horror.”
 To be appalled is to feel shocked or disgusted because something is so unpleasant. You might be appalled by your friend’s willingness to crunch on chocolate-covered grasshoppers.
- 2. aptitude (AP-ti-tood)** *noun*; Aptitude is a natural ability to do or learn something. If you have an aptitude for math, you are good at math and you learn it fairly easily. If you have an aptitude for gymnastics, it’s as if you were born to do the sport.
- 3. discrimination (dis-krim-ih-NAY-shuhn)** *noun*; Discrimination is the unfair treatment of a group of people because of their race, gender, religion, age, or other characteristic.
- 4. gallery (GAL-uh-ree)** *noun*; One type of gallery is a room or building that displays or sells works of art. A balcony like you might see in a theater or a church is another kind of gallery. A porch along the outside of a building can also be called a gallery. In a courtroom, the gallery is the section at the back with benches and chairs for members of the public to sit and watch a trial.
- 5. integration (in-tih-GRAY-shun)** *noun*; The verb *integrate* (IN-tih-grayt) means “to combine two or more things into a whole, or to make one person or thing part of another group or thing.”
 For a research project, your teacher might ask you to integrate photos into your presentation.
Integration is the act of bringing separate things together. Often, *integration* is used with the particular meaning of the act of combining different groups of people—of stopping segregation (see *segregation* below).
- 6. petition (puh-TISH-uhn)** *noun*; A petition is a written document that many people sign asking a person or an organization for something they want changed or done. If Parkway Middle School doesn’t have basketball courts on its playground, a group of students might start a petition requesting that some be built. The students will try to get as many signatures on the petition as possible to show the principal that a lot of people want the basketball courts.
- 7. segregation (seg-rih-GAY-shuhn)** *noun*; Segregation is the act of keeping different groups (such as people of different races or religions) apart from one another.

8. triumphant (trahy-UHM-fuhnt) *adjective*; To triumph (TRAHY-uhmf) is to win or be successful. The adjective *triumphant* is a synonym for “successful” or “victorious.” Fans at a football game hope that their team will be triumphant.

Triumphant also means “being proud or joyful because of a success.” Lucia might give a triumphant shout after beating Jason in a video game.

9. unconstitutional (uhn-kon-stih-T00-shuh-nuhl) *adjective*; The Constitution is a written document that is the highest form of law in the United States. It lists our rights and explains how our government works. All other laws are based on the rules and principles in the Constitution.

If a law or practice is constitutional, it is allowed by the Constitution. A law or practice that is *unconstitutional* goes against the Constitution and is therefore illegal. Only the Supreme Court—a court with nine judges that has authority over all other courts in the nation—can declare a law unconstitutional.

Directions: In the space below and on the back of this page (if necessary), list any other words from the play or informational text whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

Vocabulary Practice

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Directions: Fill in the circle next to the best answer to each question.

1. Which is an example of **discrimination**?

- Ⓐ Karen was not allowed to join a kickball team at recess because she is a girl.
- Ⓑ Eli didn't receive his allowance this week because he didn't complete his chores.

2. Jared is sitting in the **gallery** during a trial. You can guess that Jared might be _____.

- Ⓐ the judge
- Ⓑ a friend of someone involved in the trial

3. Which football team's quarterback could be described as **triumphant**?

- Ⓐ the Cougars' quarterback, who is high-fiving his teammates after a game-winning touchdown
- Ⓑ the Mustangs' quarterback, who is seated on the bench with his head hung low

4. Which sentence uses **integrated** correctly?

- Ⓐ Jason integrated his books into his locker.
- Ⓑ Mr. Butler integrated all of the students' ideas into the story.

5. If a law is found to be **unconstitutional**, that means it is _____.

- Ⓐ legal
- Ⓑ illegal

Directions: Rewrite each sentence below using one of the following words.

petition	appalled	segregation	integration	aptitude
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6. Olivia was stunned and horrified by Laura's rude behavior.

7. The students delivered a document with many signatures on it to the teacher requesting an extra week to finish their projects.

8. The separation of boys and girls at school is common in some parts of the world.

9. Don had a special ability with learning languages. He spoke English, German, Spanish, and Japanese.
