



Momma Turtle and son Tubby talk at home after school.

Tubby Turtle: It's not fair, Momma. Why does Frog always get to be first in every line?

Momma Turtle: It is unfair, but it's just the way it's always been. Frogs are faster than Turtles, so they get to be first.

Tubby Turtle: But it's not fair! We're supposed to be equal. That's what we learned – everyone is equal.

Momma Turtle: Those are just words, but in reality we are not equal. Our Turtle race is slow and we look different because of our shells. We've never been equal to the Frog race.

Tubby: Well, we should do something to change that. It's unjust! The Pledge of Allegiance says "with liberty and justice for all".

Momma: You know, I've been stopped by the police just for going too slow, under the speed limit.

Tubby: Racial profiling. We learned that is called racial profiling. The police stop you because of your shell and immediately think you are breaking the law.

Momma: I saw on the Turtle Talk website that some courageous Box Turtles are starting to protest.

Tubby: How will they protest?

Momma: They'll get a permit and protest at the Capitol in Washington, DC. They will hold up big signs asking Congress to pass laws to ensure that all races are treated equally.

Tubby: I could get some of my friends to write to our Representative and Senators too.

Momma: A write-in campaign. Great idea! Then you are doing something positive to help end injustice.



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Unfair, Unjust

1. Who are the characters? _____
2. What is the setting? _____
3. How does Tubby Turtle feel? _____

4. What is Momma Turtle's explanation? _____

5. What has Momma Turtle experienced? _____

6. What action will some members of their race take? _____

7. What action does Tubby decide to take? _____

8. Writing. Text-to-self. Have you had a similar experience?

9. Writing. Stop and Think! Have I ever been treated unfairly because of my race? Have I treated others unfairly because of their race? Have I witnessed racial profiling?

