



Read Aloud Lesson based on the book

Justice Is...

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Justice Is... is an illustrated book that shows powerful images of justice, the people who have stood up for it in the past and explains the importance of fighting for it in the future. After reading or listening to *Justice Is...* (check YouTube for a read aloud), answer and reflect on the questions below.

1. The preamble to the U.S. Constitution states:
“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”
Justice is the first principle listed. Why do you think our founding fathers, though justice was an important goal for the country?
2. In your own words define justice. Use examples if you need.
3. Over the course of history many injustices have occurred, from slavery, to segregation, to the holocaust, to a lack of women’s rights, and many others. The only way injustice is defeated is when people stand up and speak up against what is wrong but doing this can be scary. Have you ever spoken out against something you think is wrong or unfair? Why is it important to share our opinions and experiences, and stand up for what is right, even when others are not?
4. As the book mentioned, injustice can always creep back in, if we aren’t continuously fighting for justice. Where have you seen injustice in your life? Think bigger scale, what are some injustices in our country? What about our world?

5. Congressmen and senators have the ability to write laws that protect equality and justice. Judges are in the position to hear cases and protect people who have been treated unjustly. As citizens, we can vote for our representatives and for the president who appoints judges. What qualities should you look for in your government representatives to ensure they protect justice? Are there any political figures you have heard of that help fight for justice?