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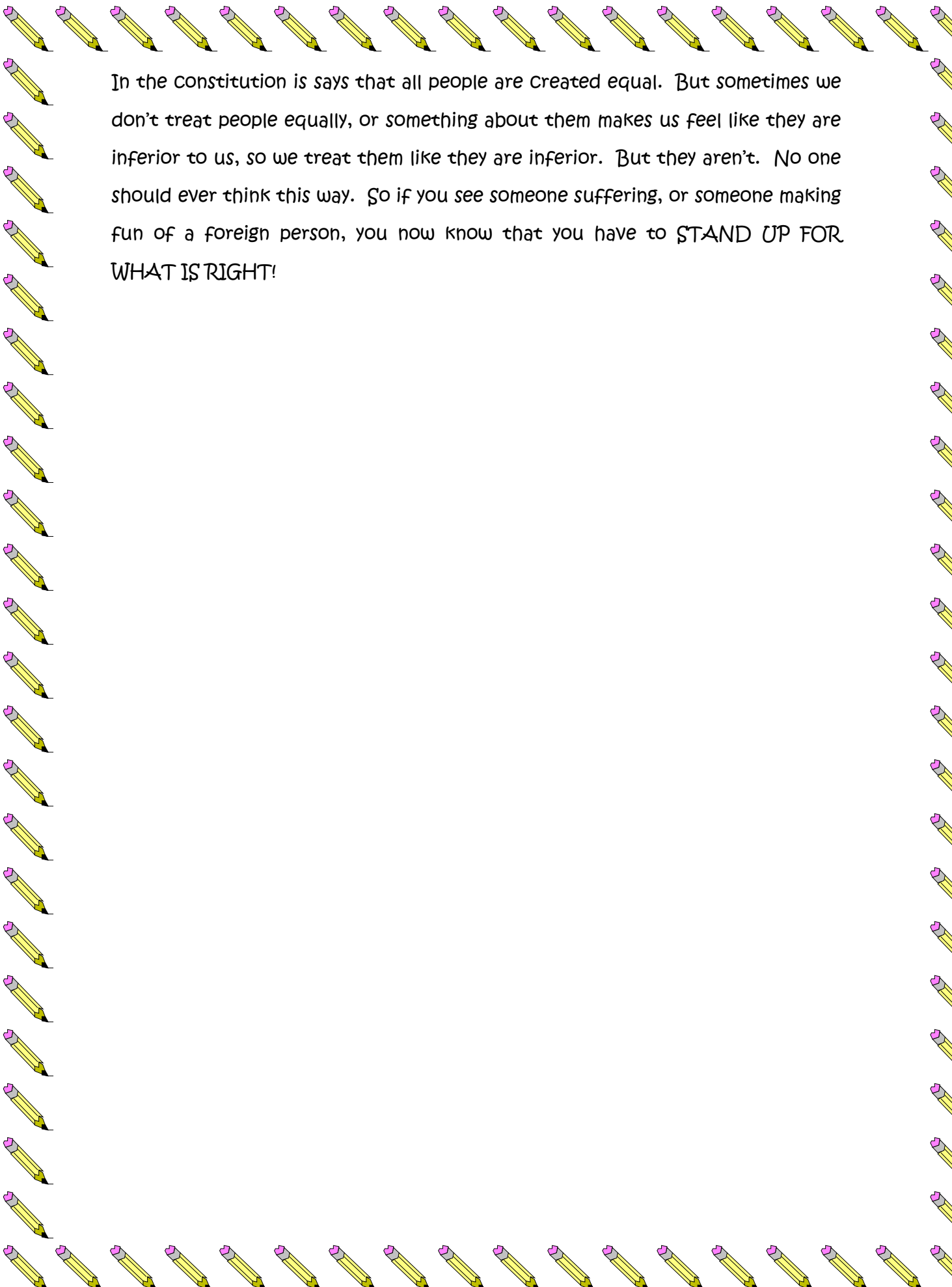


Molly's Essay

One of the things that can be very difficult to overcome in any country is speaking a different language than most of the people living there. People who were considered extremely intelligent in their old country might be treated by most people as dumb simply because they don't know their language. They might be denied a job offer. They wouldn't be able to pay their bills. They wouldn't be able to go into movie theatres. They really wouldn't be able to do anything at all simply because they didn't know their new country's language.

Unfortunately, not a great deal is being done to resolve this. But I can help. You can help. We all can help if we just work together and set our minds on fixing the problem. We can help make people's lives better in many ways by working on this. Here are some ways that anyone; especially kids can help with this problem:

1. Join a tutoring program at your library and help younger immigrants from your community to speak, read and write English.
2. It is very likely that there will be a child at your school who might not speak or understand English. Befriend them, introduce them to other kids, offer to help tutor them in homework, and introduce them to programs at your school that might not need a lot of verbal communication, such as sports. It is amazing how much you can make a difference in someone's life just by supporting them.
3. Organize a rally to your local government office to give new immigrants who don't speak English more rights and have more public programs to help teach them English.



In the constitution it says that all people are created equal. But sometimes we don't treat people equally, or something about them makes us feel like they are inferior to us, so we treat them like they are inferior. But they aren't. No one should ever think this way. So if you see someone suffering, or someone making fun of a foreign person, you now know that you have to **STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT!**