

Given the circumstances of the Pandemic, the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights will not be holding the Arts Competition event this year. Instead, starting this week, we will display the work of students (without their names) who did not win awards in 2019, on our website and Facebook pages. We will add, as well, the art and poems from students who sent and/or dropped their work to our office this year. As we are not holding the competition, awards will not be given this time.

The Human Rights Commission, and the staff of the Office of Human Rights, would like to thank all the students, teachers and their respective schools, for their contributions and for their interpretation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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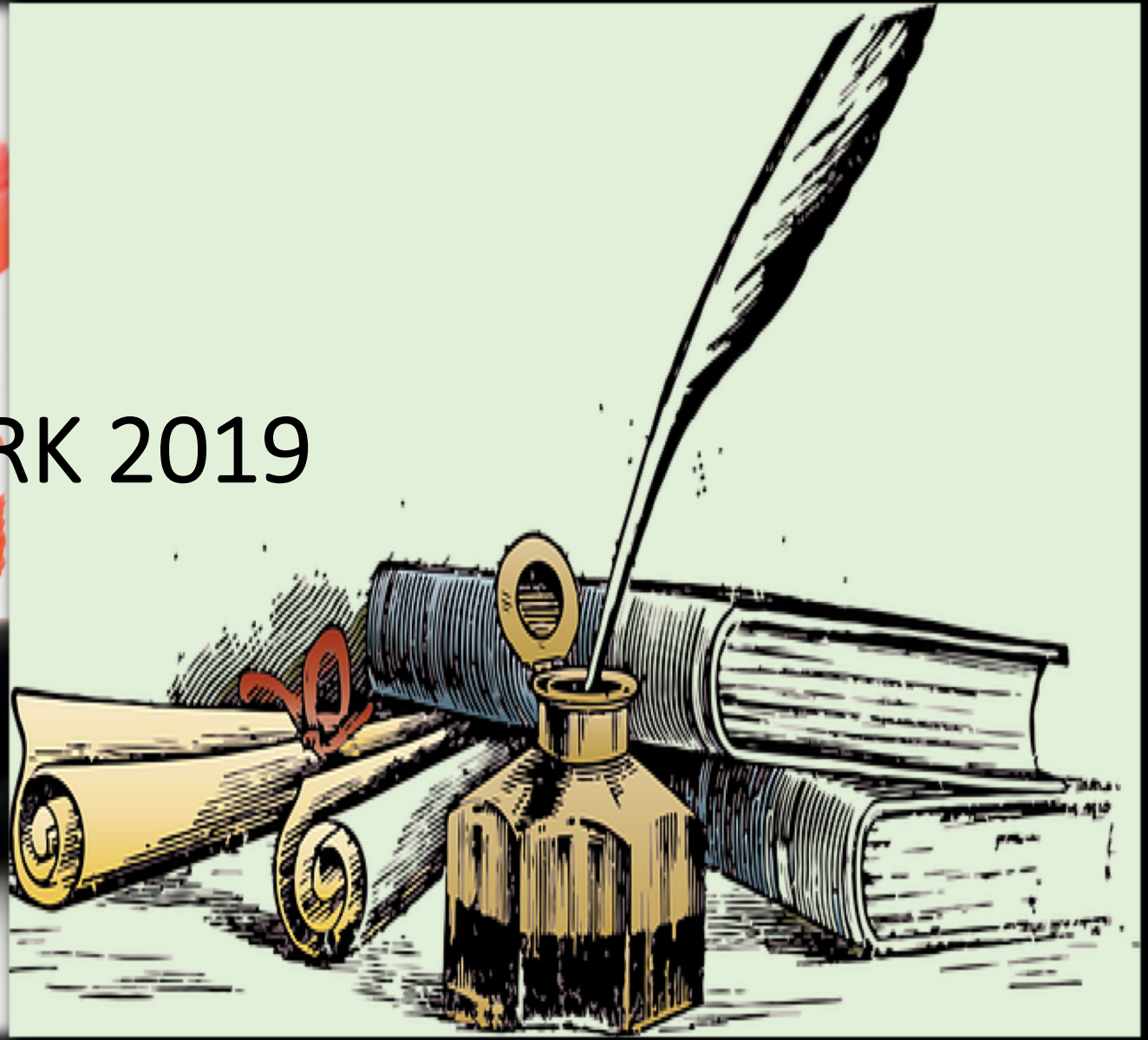
# Universal Declaration of Human Rights Artwork



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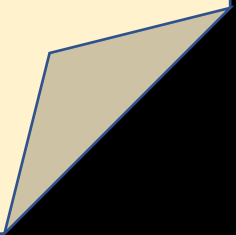


# ARTWORK 2019



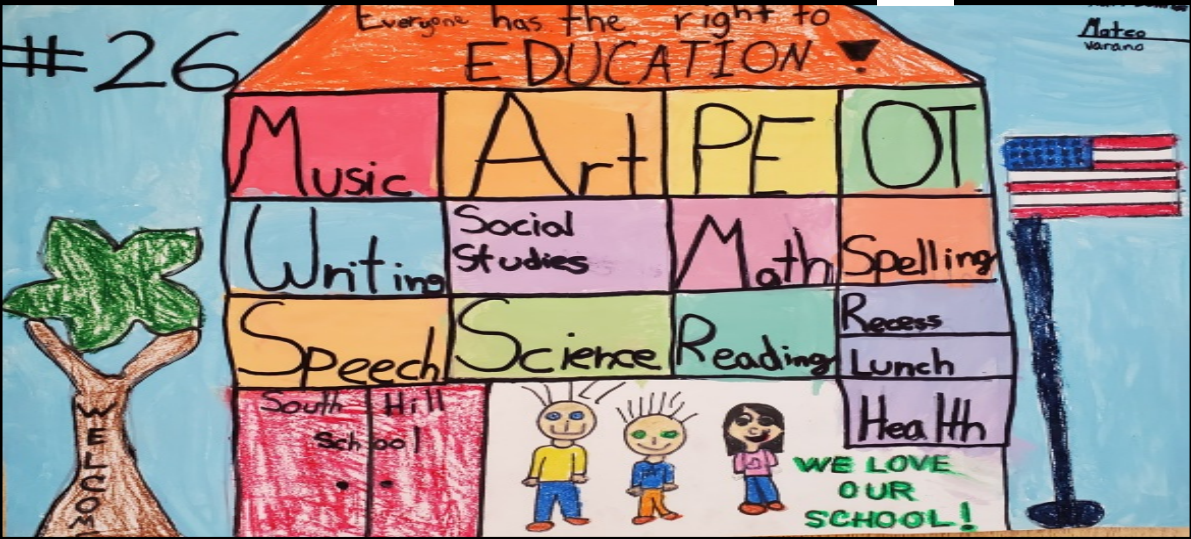
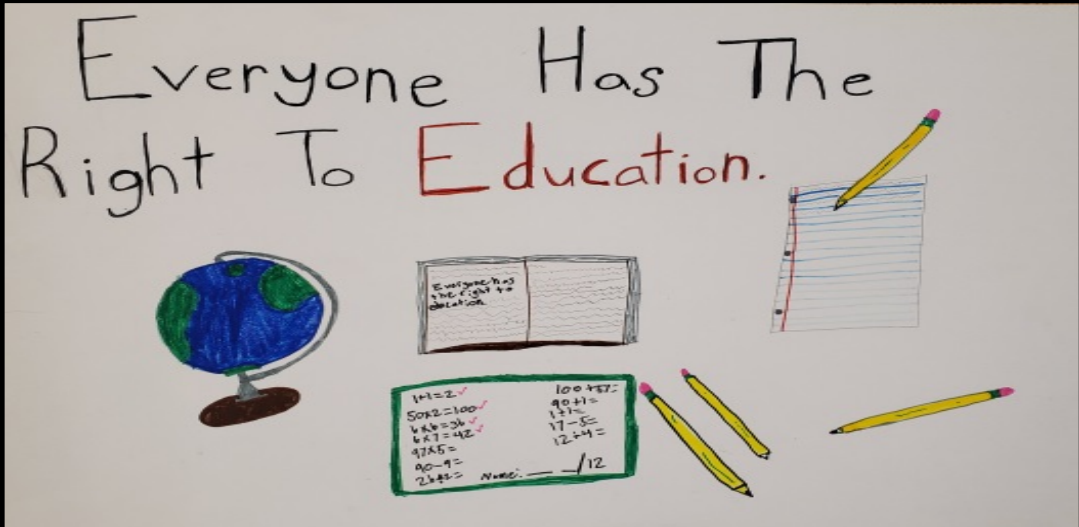
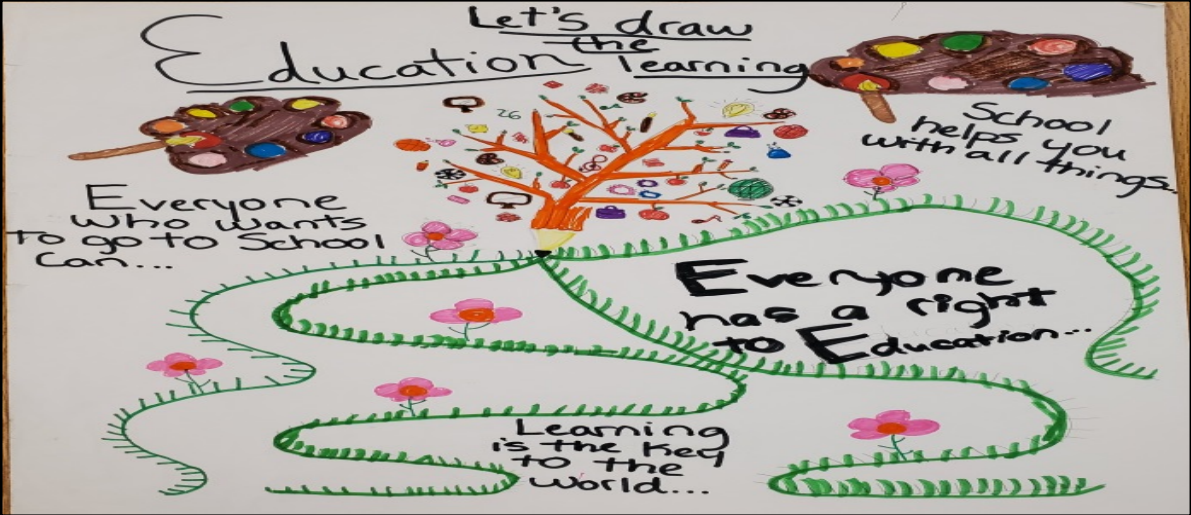


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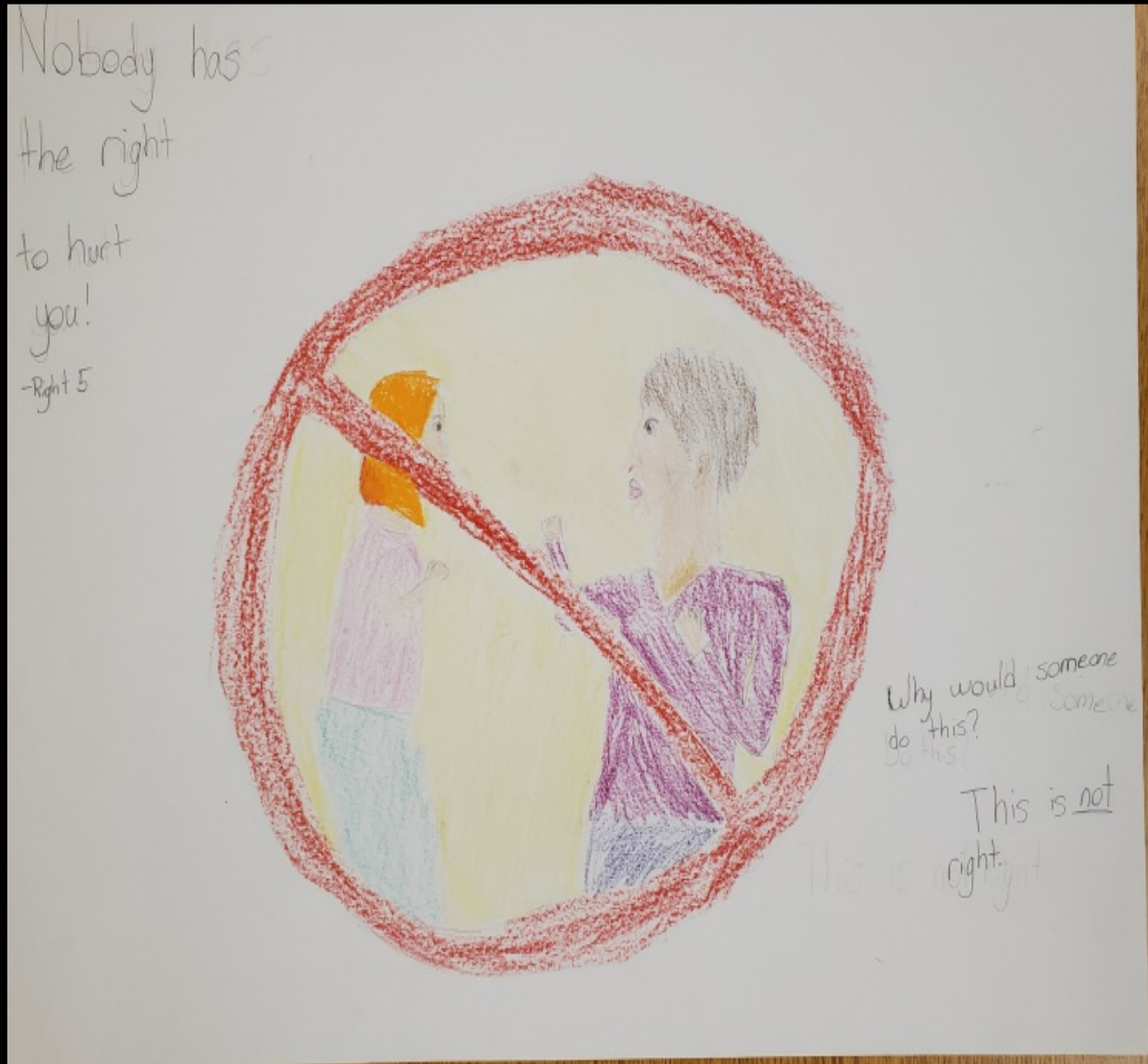
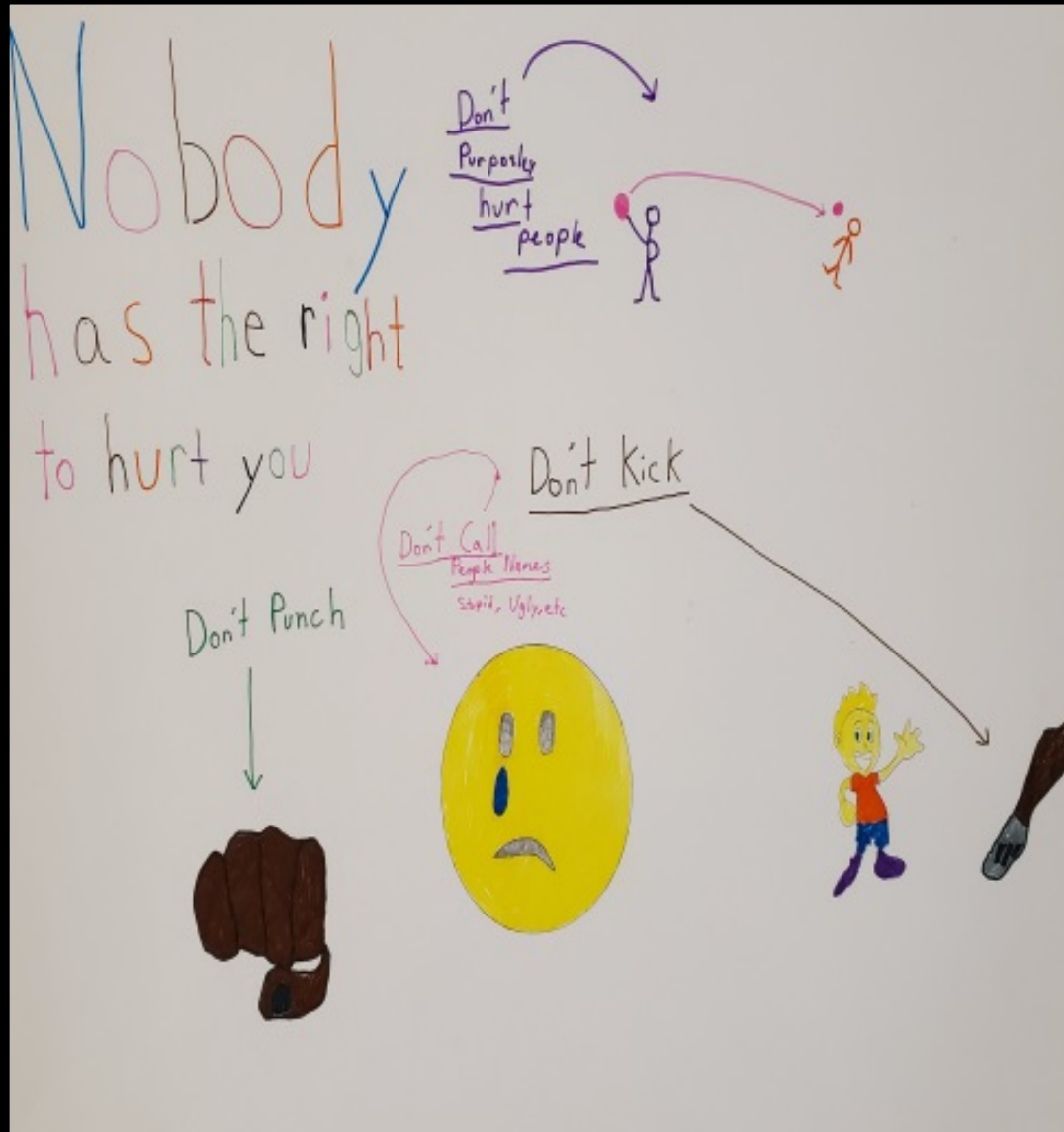




# 26. We have a right to education

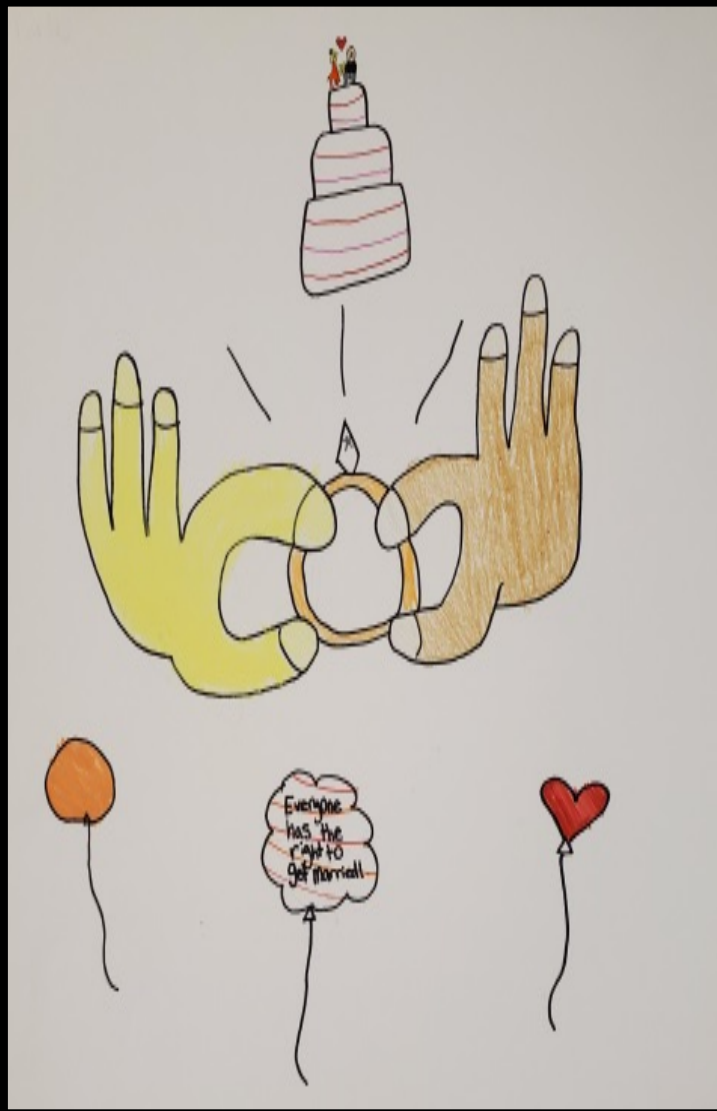


5. We have a right to be free from torture or degradation



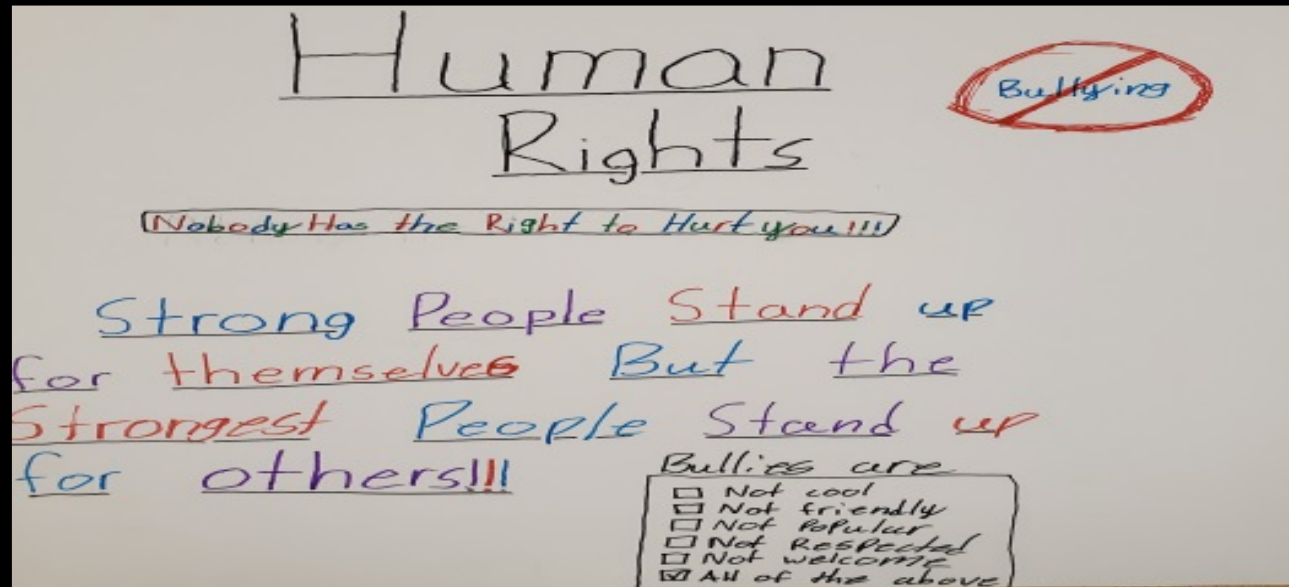


16. We have a right to get married





## 2. We have the right to be free from discrimination





## 30. No one can take away our human rights

Nobody in the World should try to take away your RIGHTS ...

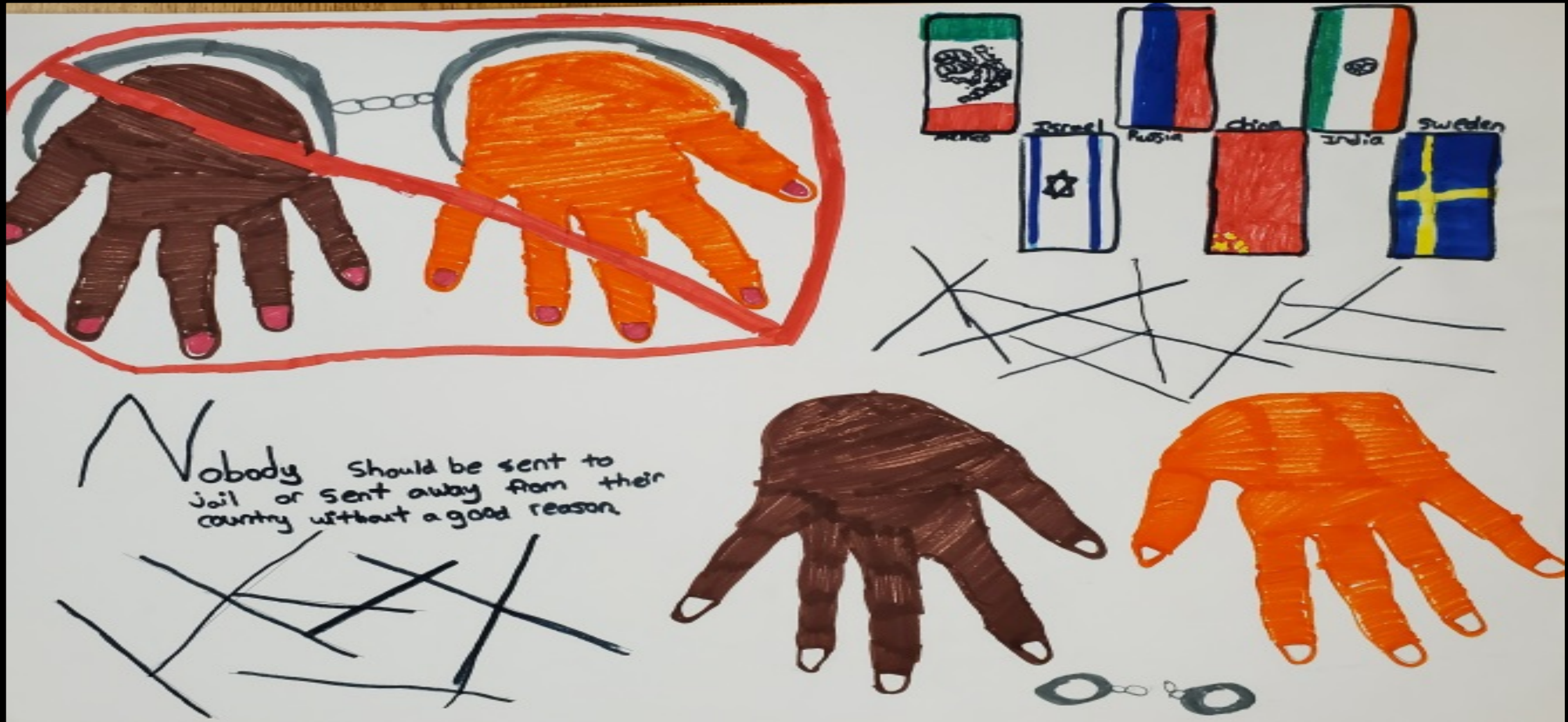


... Then why is there inequality

... Why is there injustice

... Why is it that people are treated Differently

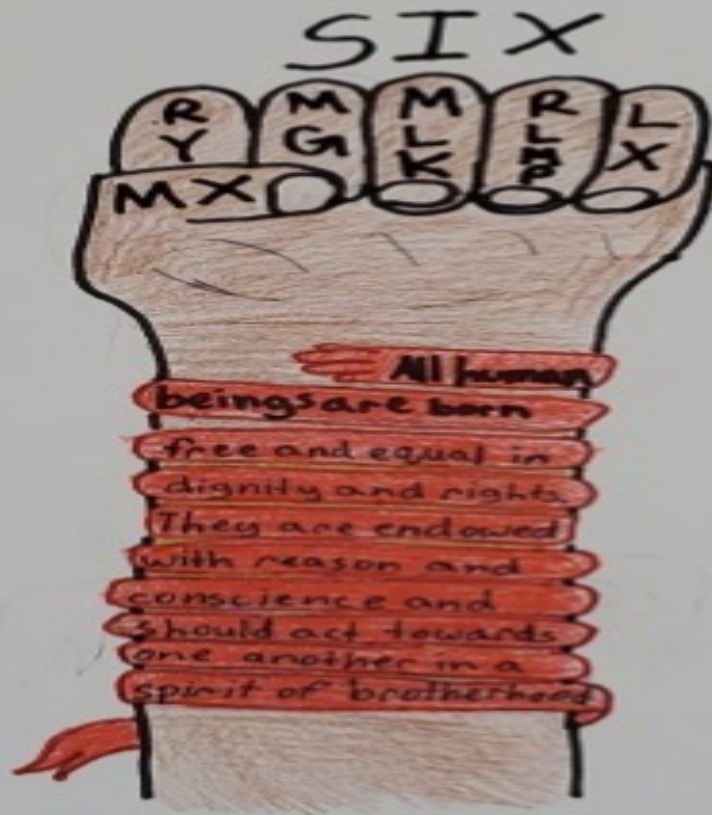
14. We have the right to protection in other countries from persecution



# 1. We are all born with equal rights

Stay Strong And

Stay Together

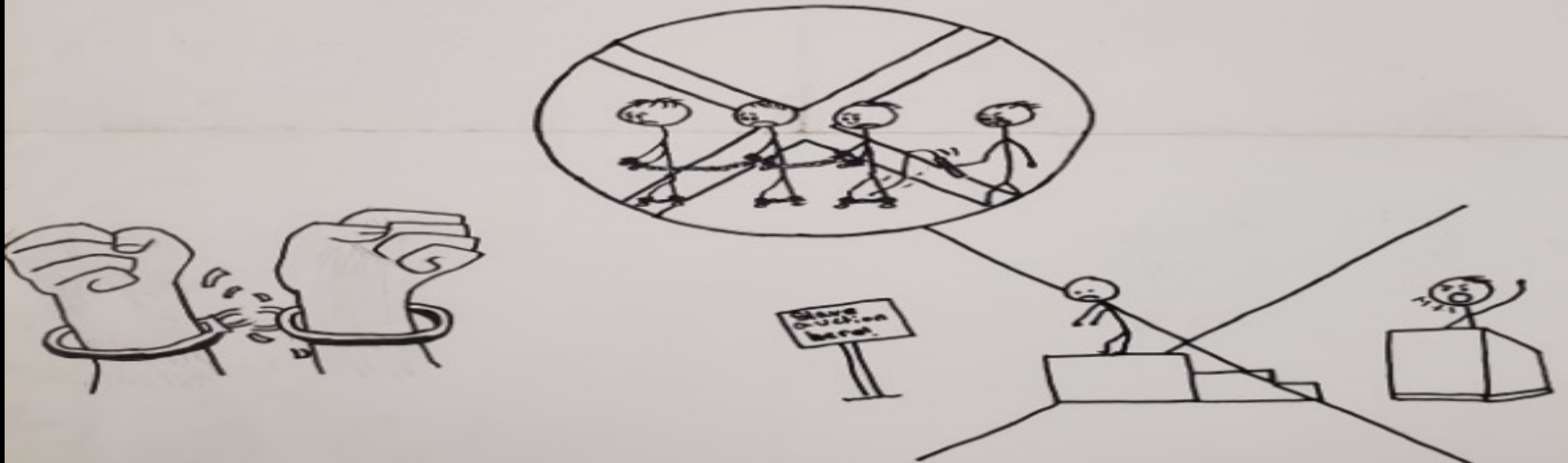




## 4. We have a right to be free from slavery

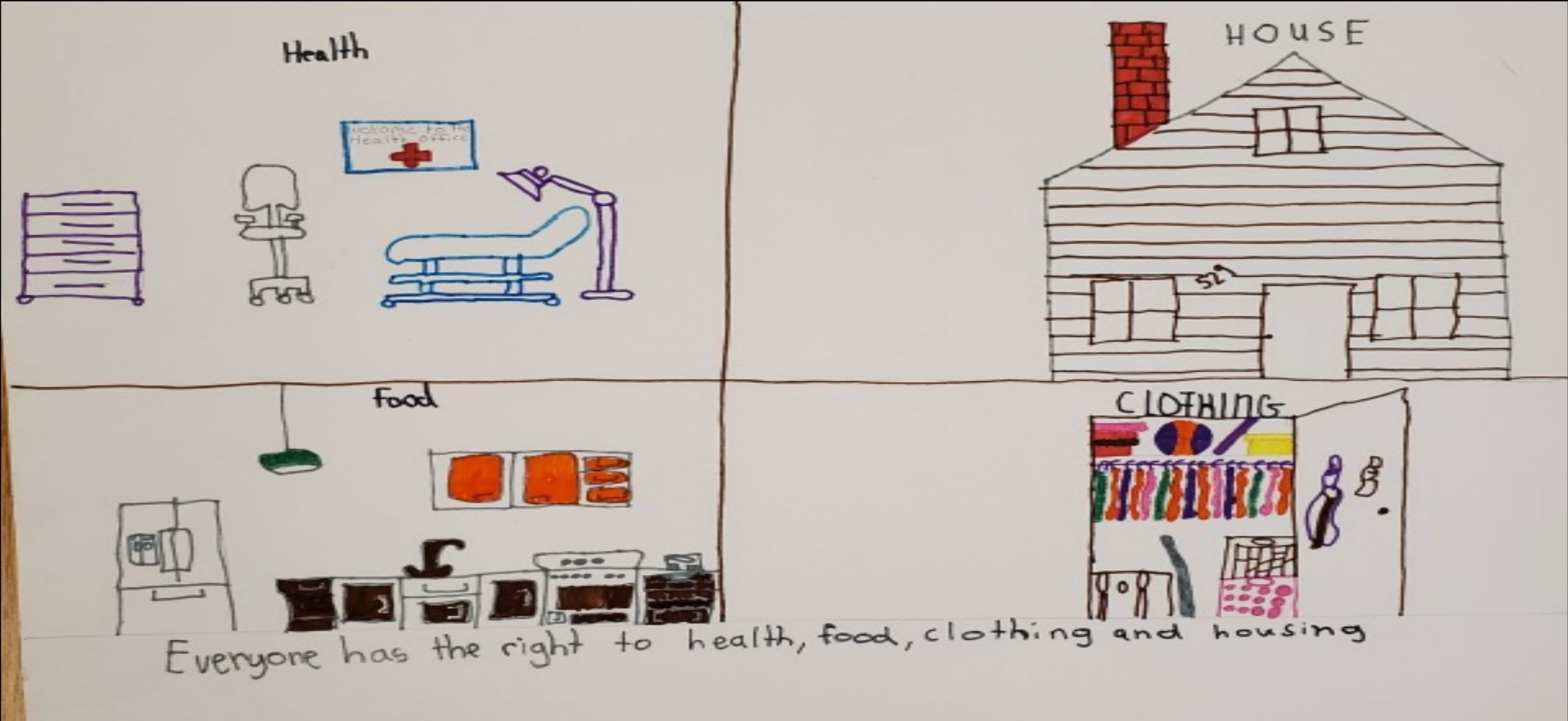
Article 4  
Nobody Should treat you like a slave  
and neither should you treat anyone like a slave

# END SLAVERY

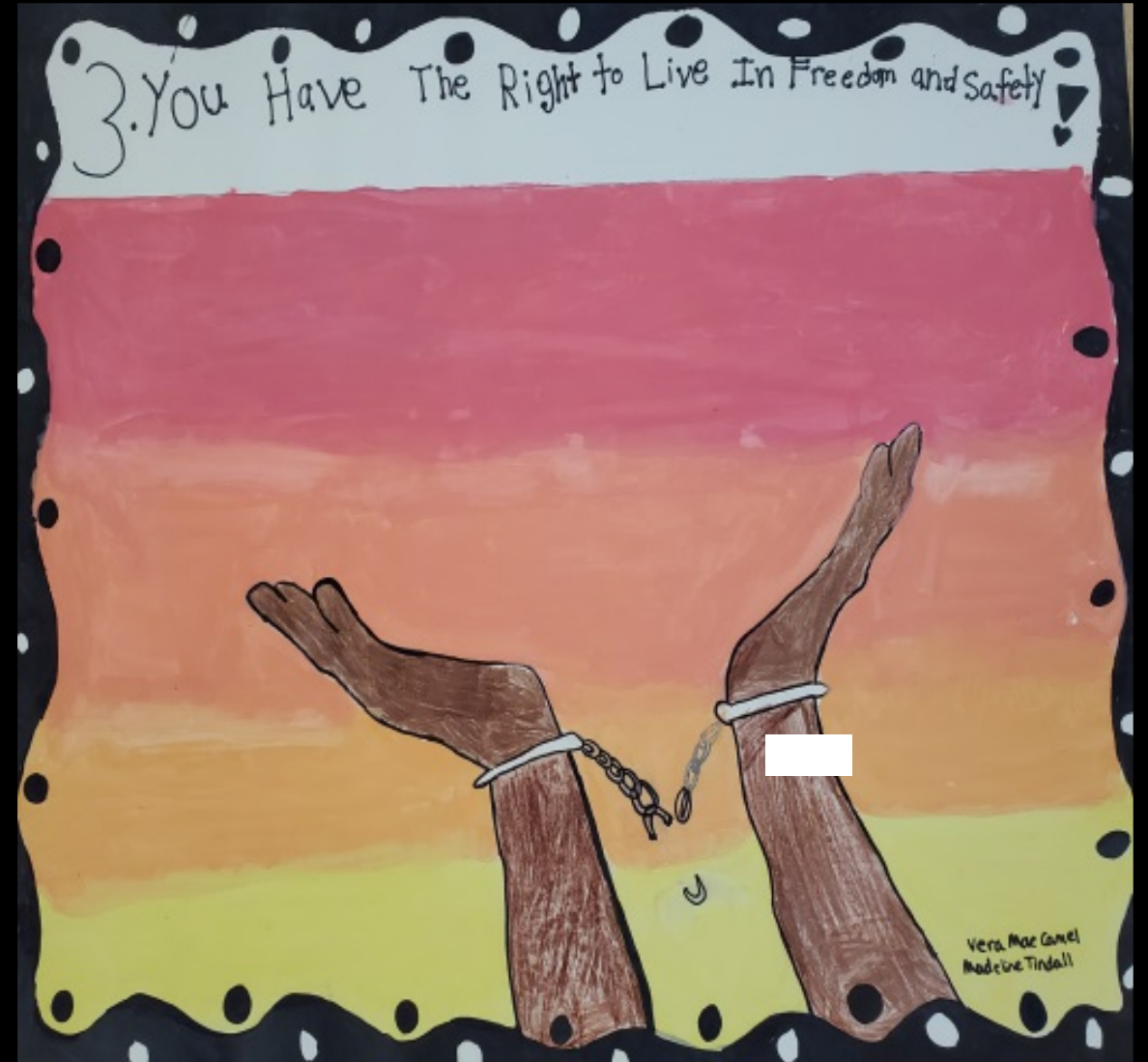
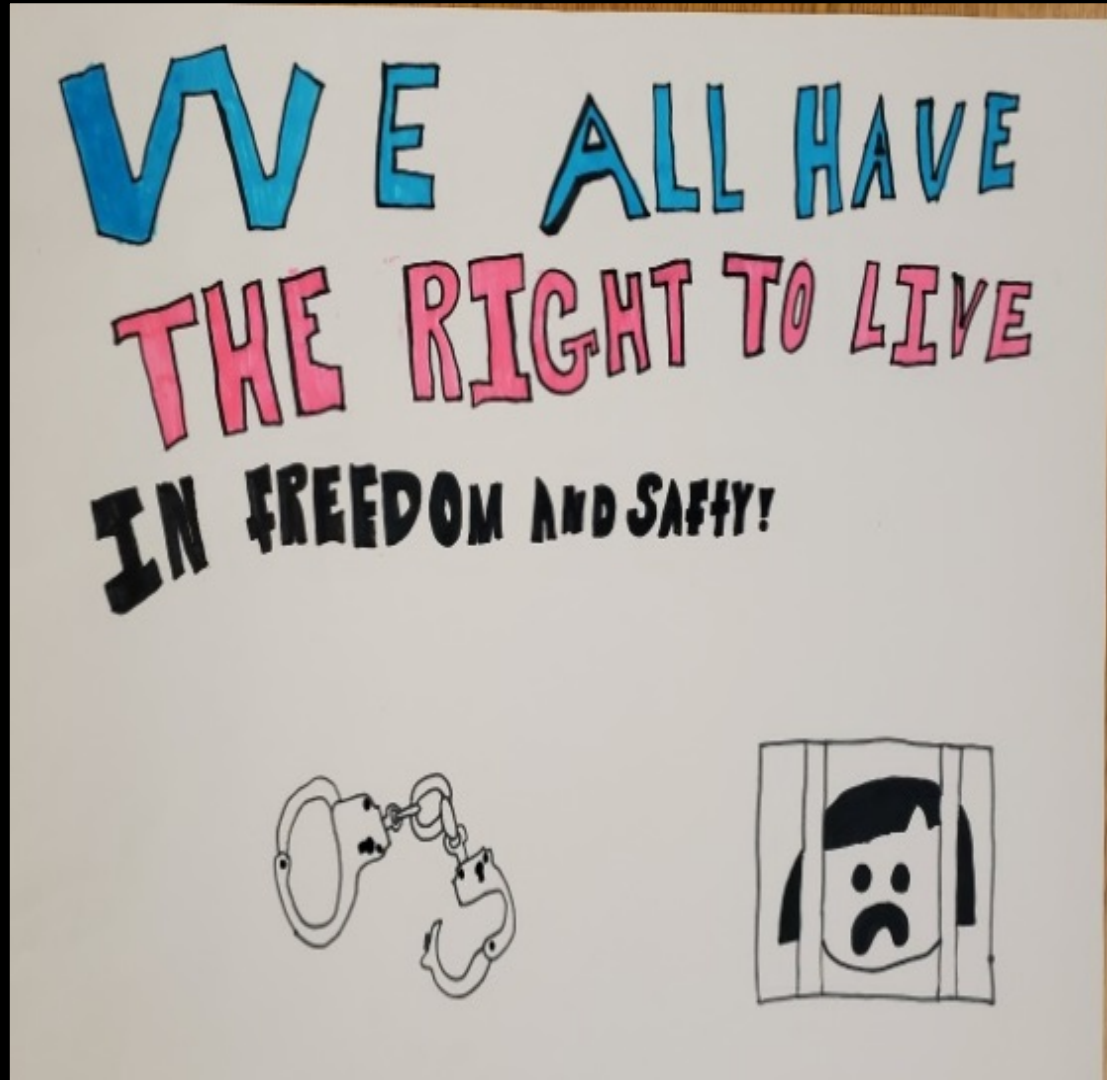




25. We have a right to health, food, clothing, and housing

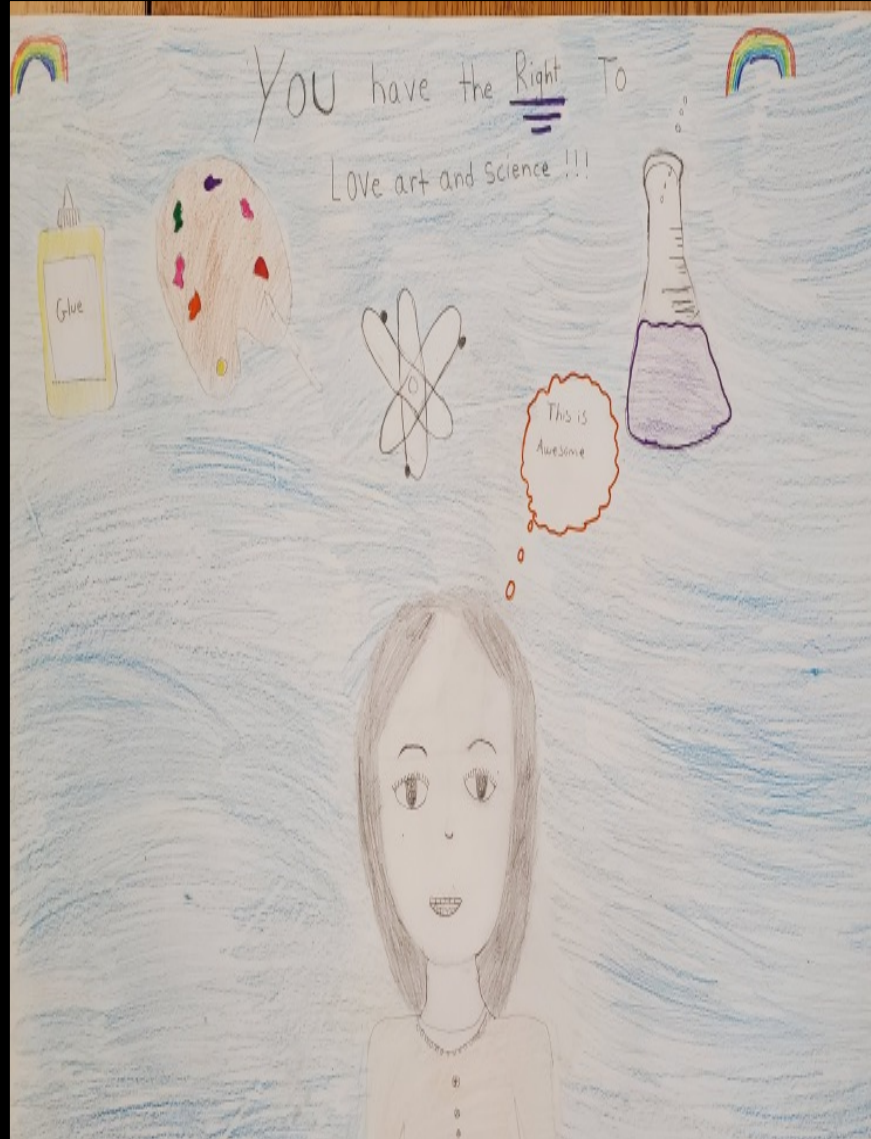
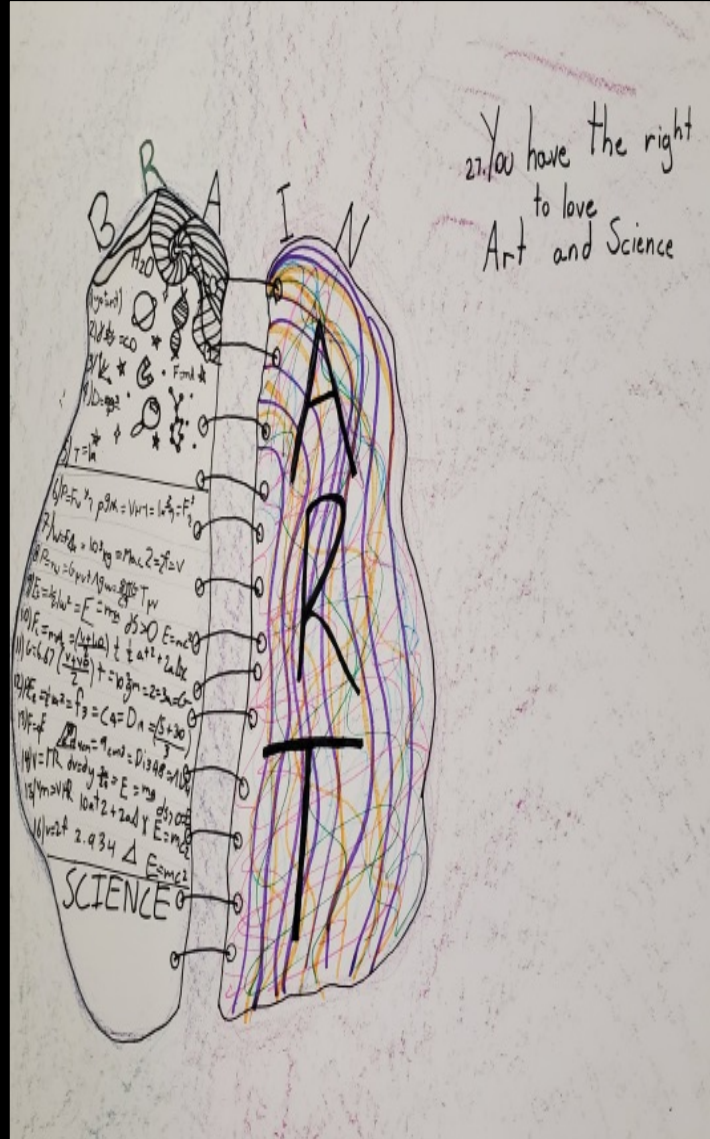
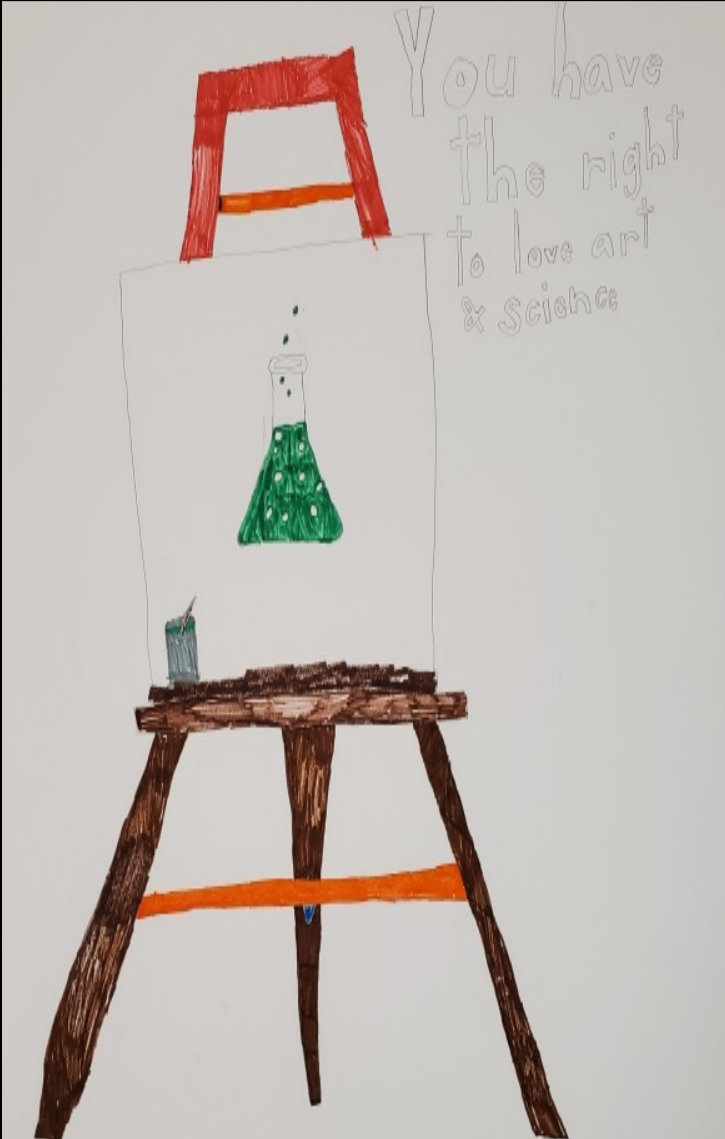


### 3. We have a right to freedom and safety





# 27. We have a right to enjoy the arts and sciences



28. We have a right to enjoy a free and fair world



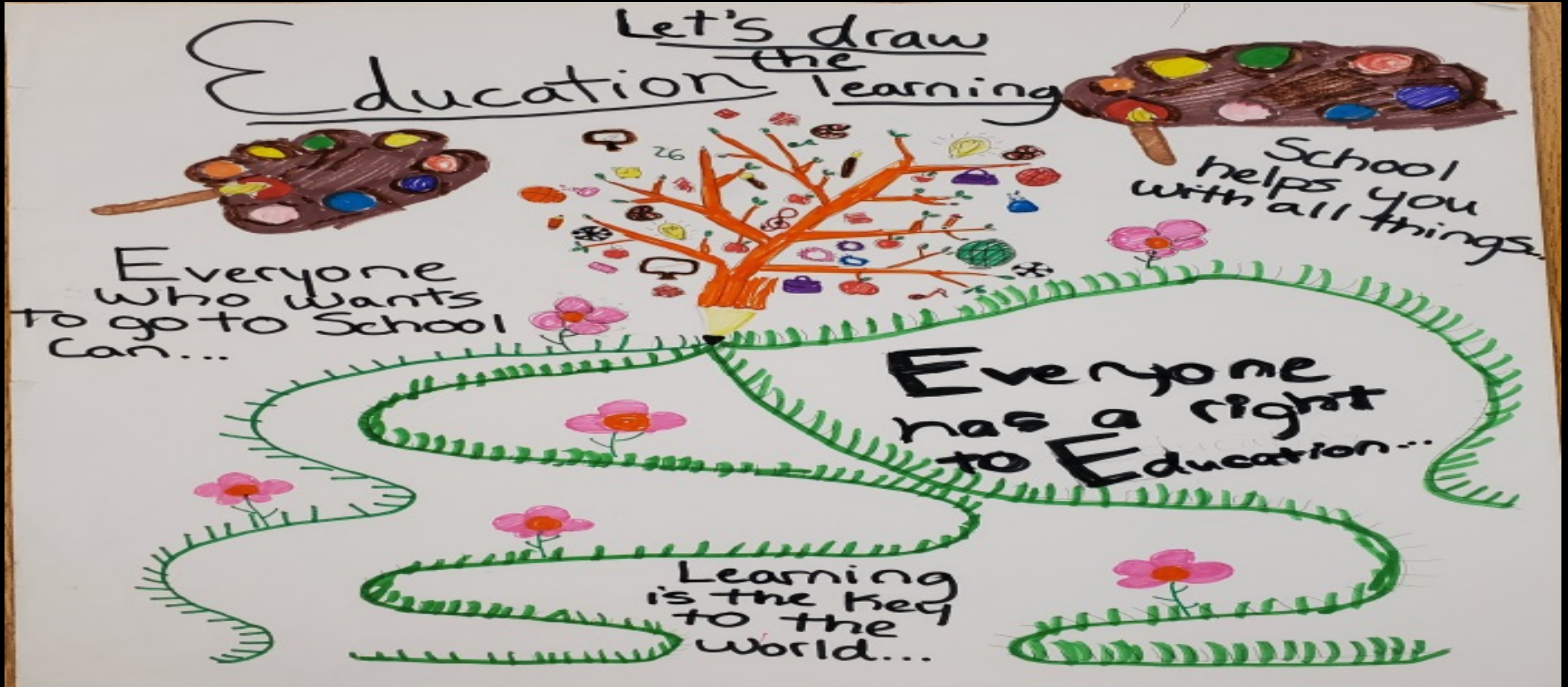


23. We have a right to work and join trade unions

Article 23: Right to Work



26. We have a right to education





## 9. We have the right to be free from unfair imprisonment or exile



18. We have the right to our own religion and thoughts

18. Everyone should be able to practice their religion freely.

Christianity



Buddhism



Hinduism





# 15. Everyone has the right to a country



7. We have a right to equal protection under the law





19. We have the right to say and think what we want



*Violation of Article 5*

## ***The Victim***

*Always trying to see the light*

*Sometimes crying throughout the night*

*Hoping the bully will see whats right*

*But he still never picks a fight*

*And don't cower in fright*

*Will he be bullied forever?*

*He would have, if he didn't see the However*

*I can stand up for myself*



# ***Locked Away...***

*Why did they lock me up?*

*Without a trial,*

*Is it because I look different?*

*Speak differently?*

*I shouldn't be here,*

*I didn't do anything wrong,*

*I didn't even get to prove my innocence,*

*Before they decided I was guilty...*

# Article 1

## People are born with free equal rights

There are many different colors,  
that I see on many faces,  
I see them on many people,  
and in many different places.

What kind of colors do you think I see?  
the obvious ones, or the most clear,  
the ones you see on the skin,  
or the ones that fill you with fear



# *Everyone Has Equal Rights*

*What are equal rights*

*Equal rights are when everyone's the same*

*Even if you are a different sex*

*Different religion*

*Or even a different race*

*We all have a different face*

*No matter how we look we all have equal rights*

# *Unfair*

*Locked away, she feels enslaved,  
No way out, so much doubt,  
Stuck in this mess, uncontrollable stress  
Wondering why, she lives a lie,  
So unfair, yet no one cares,  
Black or white, weight or height,  
Shouldn't matter, we all have our own patterns,  
Higher class, lighter skin, she simply has no way in,  
Slavery is a tragedy, should it matter? Your nationality,  
Hope shall lie in the air, yet people have to suffer, it's unfair*

## **Article 20 (part 1): Everyone has the right to freedom of Peaceful assembly and association.**

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Marching for each other rights

Going all throughout the night

Hearing words from all around

Chanting, singing, lots of sound

Gathering for something true

Is an important thing we do

This is a freedom we hold dear

We know we do not have to fear



# **Equal rights**

**(Article 1)**

**We all should have equal rights**

**Even if we are different heights**

**Or if I am not a white**

**That is what this document cites**

**It doesn't matter my name or creed**

**It doesn't matter who I feed**

**So hear me now all of thee**

**All of you shall be free**

**So long as you agree to disagree**

**Sincerely,**

**me**

# **Give Us All Our Rights!**

**(Human Right #25)**

**We all have the right to food**

**Yet people are starving, our trash is their treasure**

**Why? Because we're wasting food**

**We all have the right to a home**

**Yet some people are homeless, while others live with an abundance of free space**

**Why? There aren't enough affordable places for people to live**

**We all have the right to clothing**

**Yet people go a whole winter without anything warm, while others throw out used coats**

**Why? We need to give clothes we outgrew to thrifty shops**

**We all have the right to health care**

**Yet some sick people either go broke or not get treated while pharmaceutical companies**

**make huge profits**

**Why? Health care needs to be free**

**We need to take action and lead others now**

**Give us all our rights**

# *Human Rights*

*Article One - "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."*

**Human rights include  
Freedom and equality  
Needs of all people**

**Living is not a  
Luxury only some  
But given to all**

**A beautiful world  
Living in peace and harmony  
We shall protect all**

**We were all kids once  
Power shall not be abused  
We will make this world**



**Right Number 1: We are all born freely.**

## **Born Freely**

**there are a bunch of rights but if only one human right is important it's the right that we're all born  
free**

**so no matter who you are when you are born we have the same rights as everybody**

**no matter who you are this matters to you**

**remember this because if you don't follow these rules you go to jail**

**this is the most important no matter what you say**

**this right is even colder than kool-aid**

**even if you don't think it's best I should be top five**

**this right is awesome because it means we're all born freely**

**one more thing**

**we are all born equal and that's all for today**

# ***Number 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.***

***“We have a right to think and say what we  
want”***

## ***I Fear to Speak***

***They could put me away lock me up for entirety***

***Just one wrong word said to the wrong person***

***Might be the end of another life***

***I have opinions Strong opinions***

***I don't want to fear for my life***

***All I want is for others to know***

***Is the many problems of the world***

***But I feel scared We live in a time of information***

***What we say could change our lives***

***It could get spread around at the speed of sound***

***We need to take a stand and lend a hand***

***To others who face this problem***

# ***My Rights***

The rights that are stripped from me

The rights that make me free

People can try to take my rights

But my rights will allow me to fight

The rights that I deserve

The rights that make me heard

These rights keep me safe

These rights keep people safe

These rights keep men and women equal

These rights keep people peaceful

These rights belong to me and you

They will keep you from being cruel

These are our rights



**25. Everyone has the right to health, food, clothing, and housing.**

## **The little girl**

**She who lives freely**

**She who lives safely**

**She who has everything**

**All of these wishes far away from reality**

**The girl in the window**

**You can see her tears**

**Tears of disappointment**

**Thinking maybe you will never see this place again**

**Hoping wishing that you can just run away fly over the stars**

**Escape into your own little world**

**She who lives with burdens**

**She who lives in fear**

**She who lives with hesitation**

**Will never live the life she deserves**

## Scared to death

**Scared where your faking sick to not go to school**

**Crying in the corner of the room**

**Hopeful that the blue day will help**

**Organized to talk to the teacher but they don't understand**

**Yelling screaming in your pillow**

**Ready to die**

**Finally someone becomes your friend**

**But there only staying one year**

**School is hard**

**Failing every class**

**Makeup to hide yourself**

## **Why Have Your Rights Taken Away?**

**Why have your rights taken away?  
Crying silent through the night  
While thinking all is lost  
Looking for a way out of the dark**

**They assume your alright  
But they don't know the hurt  
After all the pain you've been through  
They still say you don't deserve your rights**

**Through your pain you still look for the light  
You still hold on with all your might  
Everyone has rights all the time  
No matter what race or gender  
So before you assume they don't deserve rights,  
Try to see how it feels in their shoes**



**Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
“No one should be treated like a slave, and we all have freedom  
from slavery”**

**Dreaming**

**Every morning, it's the same routine**

**Eat the same food**

**Put on the same, ragged clothing**

**Eat just enough to barely survive**

**Get in the van, it's time to work**

**Work harder, even after it hurts**

**Almost no food no water**

**I can't even contact my father**

**I'm not let outside**

**My stomach hurts**

**My head hurts and I'm barely alive**

**The bags under my eyes are darker than dirt**

**How did this happen?**

**I just wanted to live the dream**

**The American dream**

## *Why*

*Sometimes I wonder why I can't be free like a bird*

*Soaring above all and knowing I'm free*

*Through the countless nights*

*I wonder what did I ever do*

*To be distant from my home and family*

*I'm stuck here cleaning some stranger's filthy house*

*While they relax like lazy pigs*

*Why do they say they own us*

*We're humans like them they can't own us*

*It's unbearable to stay like this*

*How did this even start, you might ask*

*Well, no one knows*

*For all, I ever ask for is to be free as a bird*

*Soaring above all*

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*Of all oppression and poverty*

*And all shall have eternal glee*

*So long as you agree to disagree*

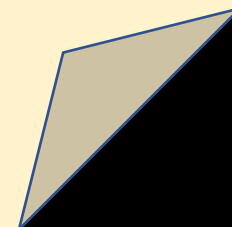
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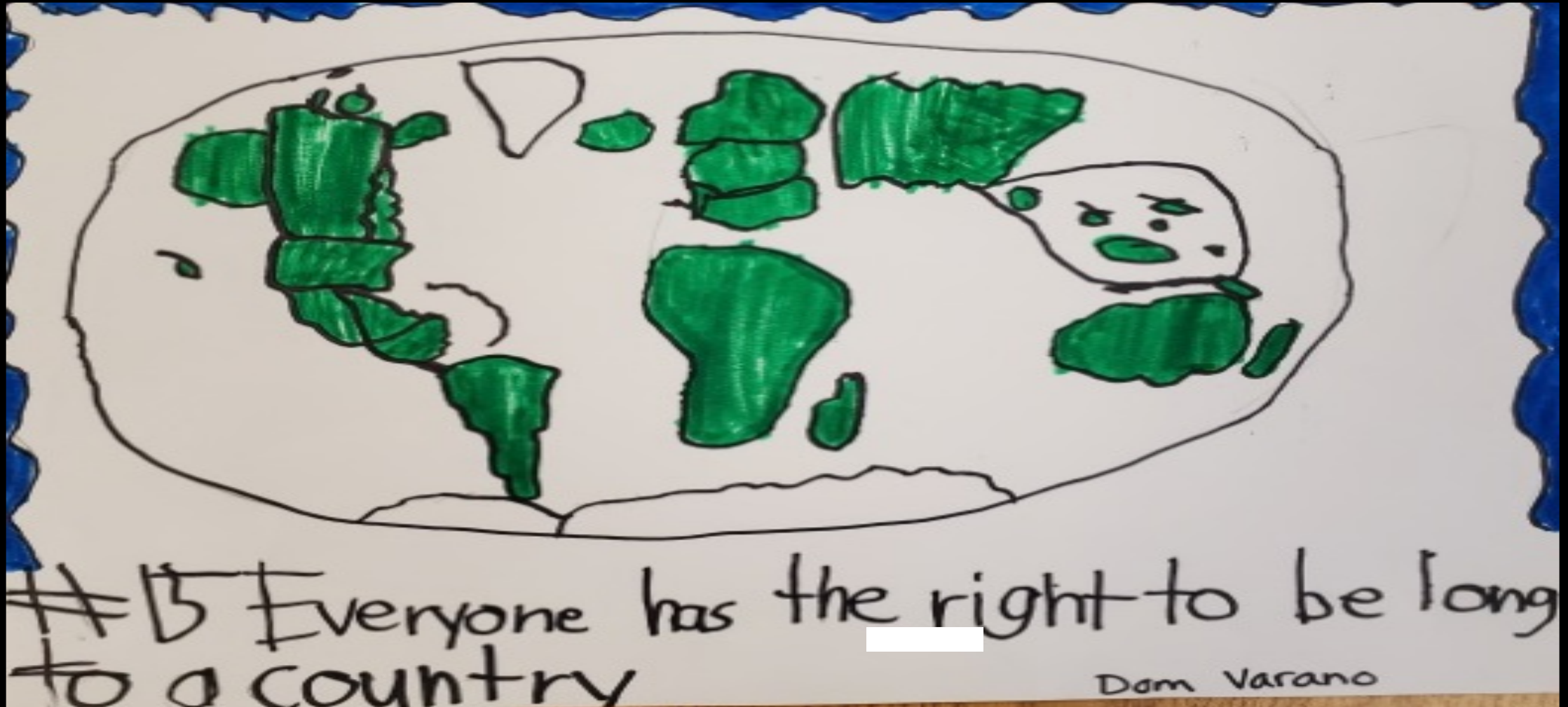


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\* 18 Everyone should be able to practice their religion freely.

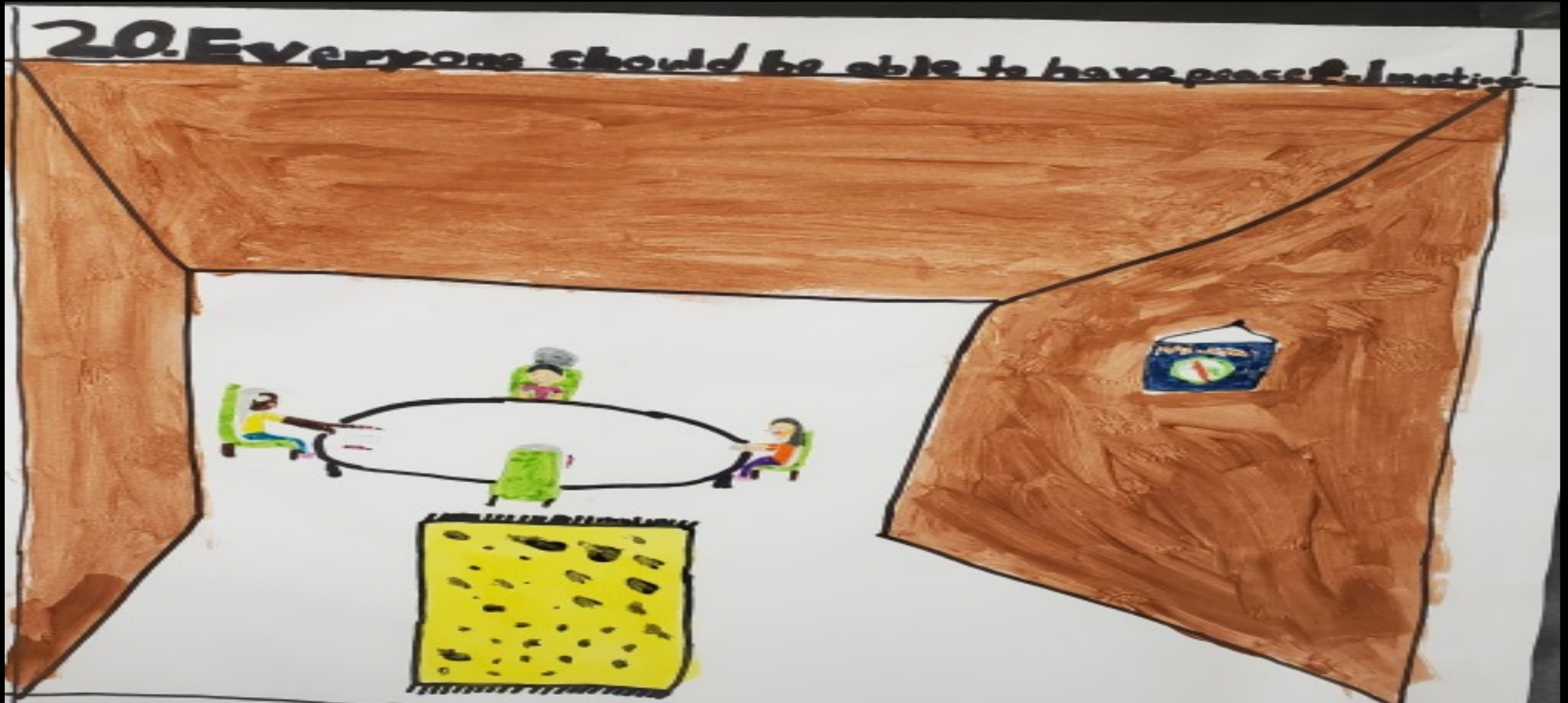


13. We have the right to free movement





20. We have a right to gather peacefully





3. We have a right to live in freedom and safety



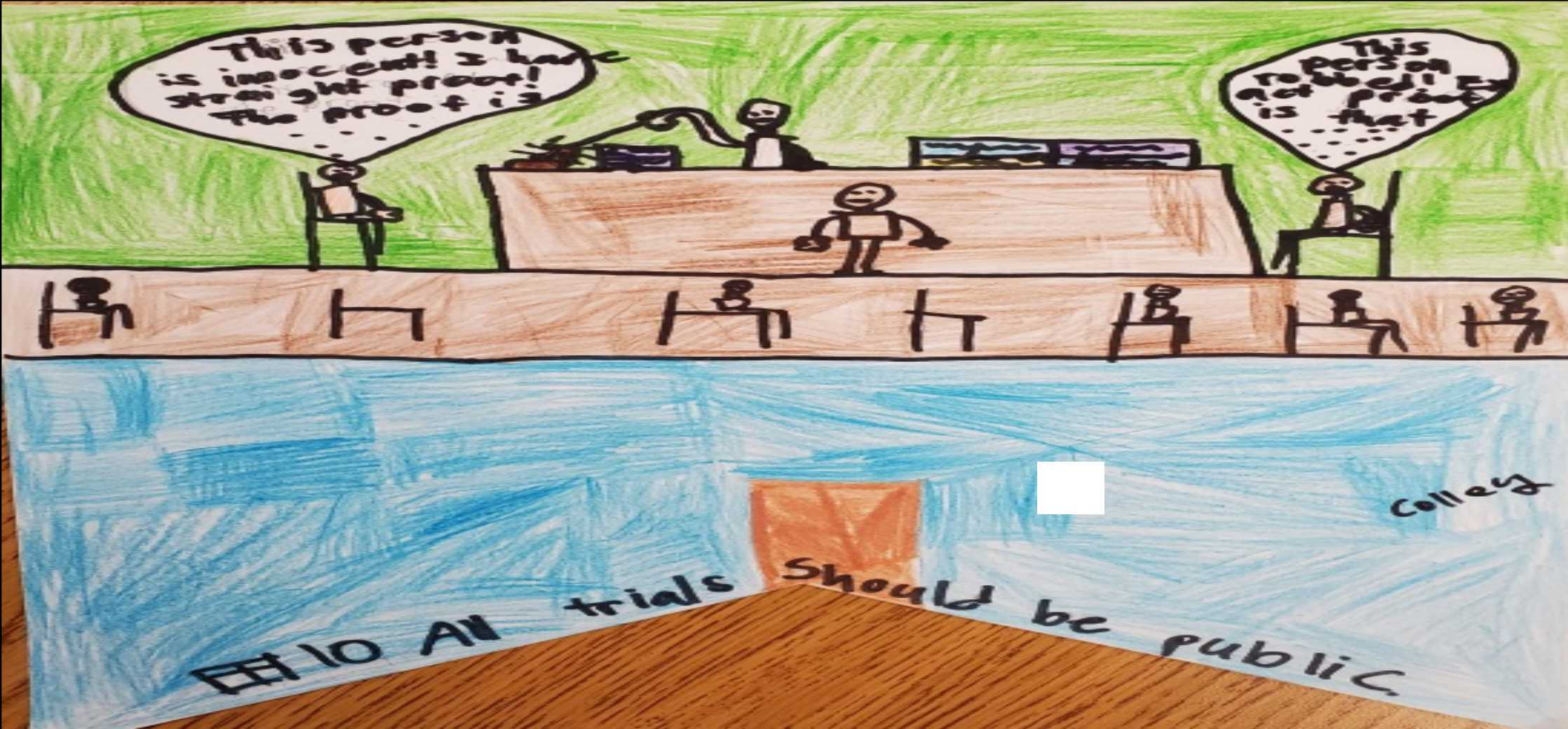


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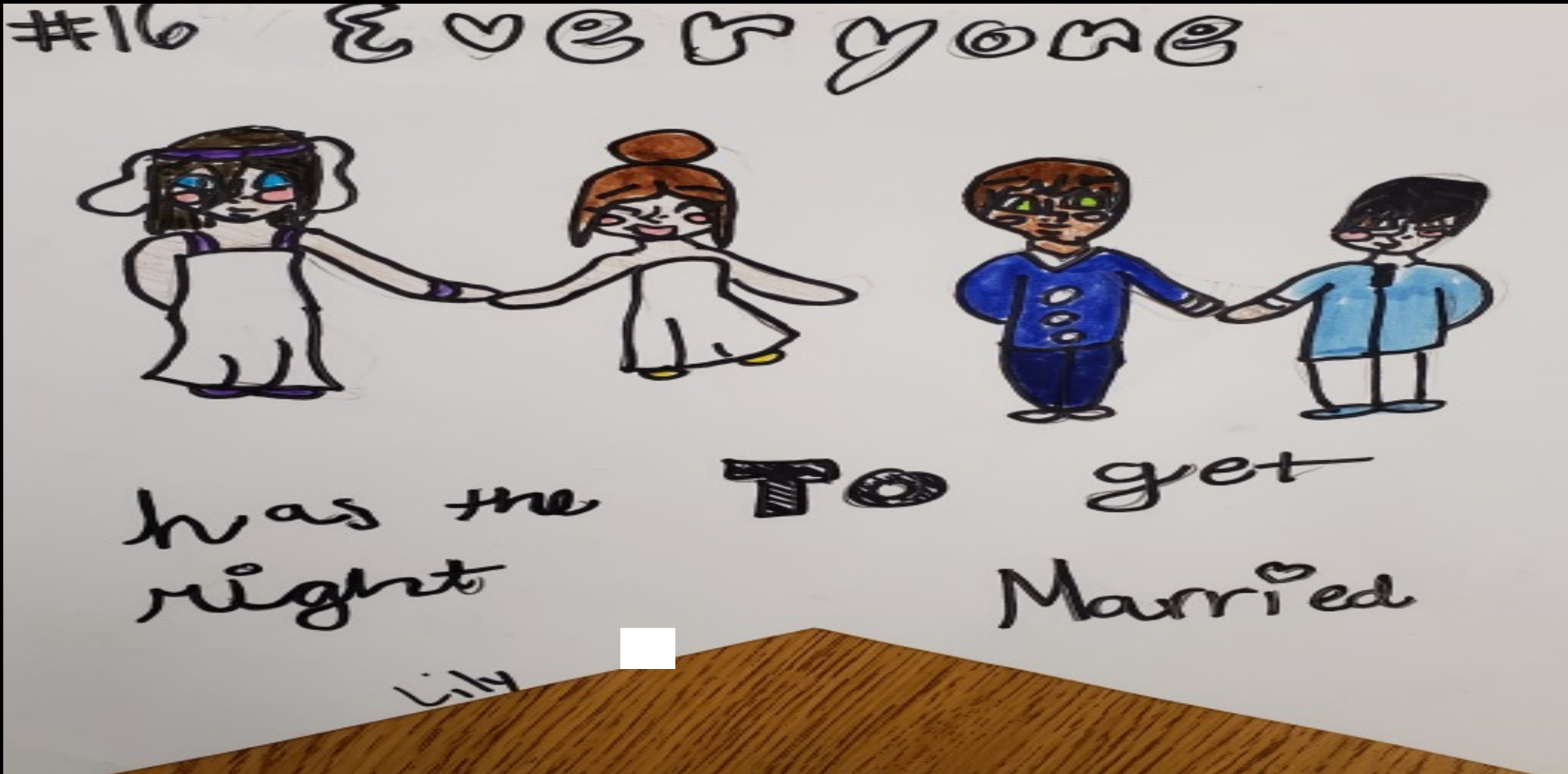




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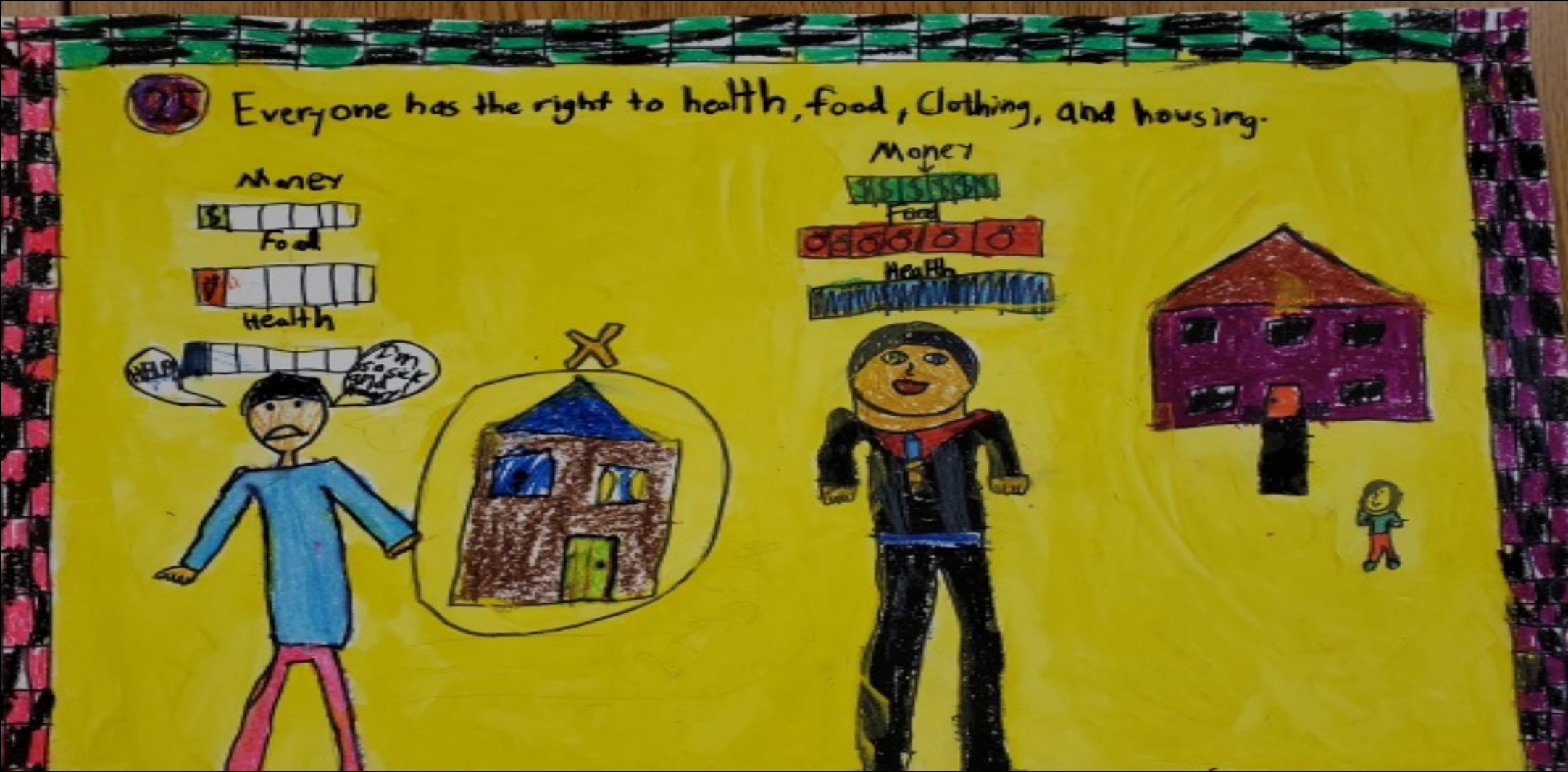


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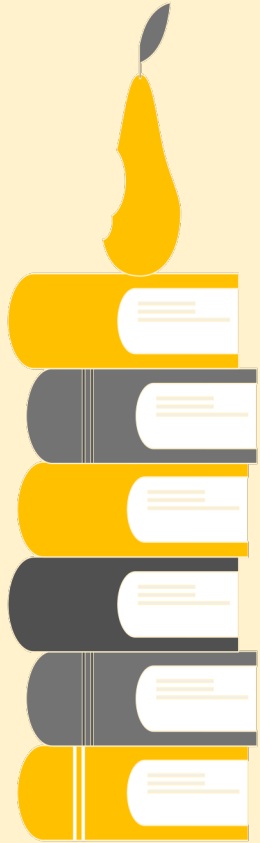




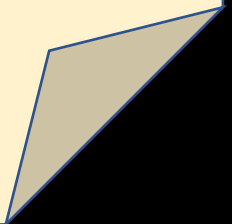
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25. Everyone has the right to adequate standard of living







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28. We have a right to enjoy a free and fair world





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Grade 3rd-5th



24. We have a right to rest and play



# **#7 The Law Protects You**

**The law protects you from what is wrong and lets you do what is right.**

**The law is what makes the world a better Place.**

**The law helps you with the things you need help with.**

**The law is the one thing that lets you do what you want.**

**The law protects you with what they have.**