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Our History, Today.

“We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain and unalienable Rights, that among all these are, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” – Thomas Jefferson, 1776.

The hopes and dreams of our founders as set forth by Thomas Jefferson became a reality when the Constitution of The United States of America was ratified in 1787.

An example of this new reality is found right in front of us at Plymouth Middle School. I'm fortunate enough to have experienced the different cultures of the world and expose my culture to others. My ancestors have gone through the many similar trials that people are still going through today. Thankfully, the rights this world has established have made it easier for the future. If every country would stand up, and sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, your community, my community, the entire world, would truly be a better place.

Even though there are many countries who haven't signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, there are always a small group of people within those countries who are fighting and will continue to fight for human rights which we take for granted, but for them is a brave and daring step towards the dream set by our founding fathers. The dream that they can choose for themselves their own way of life, fight for liberty and pursue happiness.

The idea that we have human rights that cannot be stripped away from us by any government on earth was a completely new concept for mankind at that time. Even in the present day many people still have difficulty accepting them. The Constitution inspired the United Nations to write the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Doing so gave hope to everyone that they might share in this dream.

The dream of many people including, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Booker T. Washington Elinor Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln, have finally become a reality. Children from ever religion, color, nationality and background can go to school with each other. Anyone can stand up, and fight for what they believe in, with small protests or going to fight for their country. The point is they have rights. Rights to live where they want, to have a family, to get an education. They have a right to do whatever they wish with their lives.