

Fair Rules, Then and Now

Week 26 • Thursday • Founding Ideas in My Life

Reading Time

The Founding Fathers believed in big ideas: fairness, equal treatment, and having a voice. Guess what? You use these same ideas every day!

When your family makes rules together, that is like the leaders meeting in Philadelphia. When you take turns choosing a game, that is fairness. When everyone gets a chance to speak at dinner, that is having a voice.

The Founding Fathers wrote their ideas down so no one would forget them. Families and classrooms write down rules too! Good rules protect everyone and help people get along. Today you will think like a Founding Father and write some fair rules of your own.

Reading Questions

1. Name two big ideas the Founding Fathers believed in.

2. Why did they write their ideas down?

3. What do good rules do?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

fair

rule

voice

respect

protect

agree

Write Your Family Declaration

Be a Founding Father (or Founding Kid!) for your family. Write three fair rules that would help everyone in your home get along. Then have family members sign at the bottom, just like the Declaration!

Rule 1: _____

Rule 2: _____

Rule 3: _____

Signatures: _____

Think About It

1. Was it hard to write rules that are fair to everyone? Why?

2. What happens when a rule is unfair to someone?

Fill in the Blanks

fairness voice rules protect equal wrote

1. The Founding Fathers believed in _____ and being treated _____.
2. Having a say in things is called having a _____.
3. They _____ their ideas down so no one would forget.
4. Families and classrooms have _____ too.
5. Good rules _____ everyone.

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ The Founding Fathers believed in fairness.
- ☐ Good rules only help one person.
- ☐ Taking turns is an example of fairness.
- ☐ Writing rules down helps people remember them.
- ☐ Kids never use ideas like fairness.
- ☐ Everyone deserves a voice.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
The big ideas of the Founding Fathers	YES / NOT YET
How I use those ideas every day	YES / NOT YET
I wrote my own family declaration	YES / NOT YET