

Equal Protection and the Yick Wo v. Hopkins Case

Directions: While reading each historical source, think about what each says and means. Then decide if this information convinces you that the law is fair. List any questions you may have. Ultimately, you are to decide if the law is fair or not.

SOURCE	What does it <u>say</u> ? Write down important facts or quotes.	What does it <u>mean</u> ? Write down your interpretation of the important facts and quotes.	Does this source show that there is equal protection under the law? In other words, was the law enforced equally? Explain.	What questions do you have?
A – San Francisco Ordinance 156, passed May 1880				
B – description of laundries in San Francisco in the 1880s				
C – description of laundry owners in San Francisco in the 1880s				

SOURCE (continued)	What does it say?	What does it mean?	Does this source show that there is equal protection under the law? Explain.	What questions do you have?
D – number of petitions granted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1883				
E – Lee Yick’s story				
F – Yick Wo v. Hopkins case				

Reading Questions:

1. Who or what provided equal protection under the law for Lee Yick? How?
2. Who or what denied equal protection under the law for Lee Yick? How?