

# **Obergefell v. Hodges / Vocabulary •**

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As you read the background summary of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, look for the **important vocabulary terms**. When you come to one of those terms, look at this page for its definition. Then, check to see if you understand the definition by either sketching a picture of what you think it means, or by putting it in your own words.

## **1. Equal Protection Clause**

**Define:** the part of the 14th Amendment that guarantees that individuals are treated equally regardless of their race, gender, religion, nationality, or other characteristics.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

## **2. federal**

**Define:** the level of government that controls the United States as a whole rather than just a single state.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

## **3. federalism**

**Define:** a system of government that divides power between the state governments and the national government.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

4. **Full Faith and Credit Clause**

**Define:** Found in Article IV of the Constitution, this clause requires states to recognize some actions of other states: “Full faith and credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State.”

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

5. **officials**

**Define:** people who are in charge of enforcing a law or policy

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

6. **petitioners**

**Define:** the person or group who appeal to a court to hear a case.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

7. **spouse**

**Define:** husband or wife.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing: