

## Charter of Rights and Freedoms

*Human rights are important, but much of the information in this reading is not reflected in test for Social Studies 10.*

*Students are encouraged to read the remaining information as part of their development as an informed citizen, but it will not be subject to testing.*

### Human Rights Legislation in Canada

- 1) Describe the relationship between Canada and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 2) Canadian civil rights are protected by the \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 3) Explain why the Bill of Rights (1960) was replaced by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1982).
- 4) Complete the following charts using the information on pages 32 to 34, plus the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Freedoms &amp; Rights</i>	<i>Real Life Application</i>
<b><i>Fundamental Freedoms</i></b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A group of “pro-life” protestors can assemble and set up a peaceful demonstration outside Kelowna General Hospital.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Democratic Rights</i></b>		
<b><i>Mobility Rights</i></b>		

<p><b><i>Legal Rights</i></b></p>		
<p><b><i>Equality Rights</i></b></p>		
<p><b><i>Official Language Rights</i></b></p>		
<p><b><i>Minority Language Education Rights</i></b></p>		

5) From the above table, which rights do you think are the most important? List the five rights that you could not imagine living without.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

6) Describe the Notwithstanding Clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

7) Explain how balancing the rights of the individual with the rights of society can cause conflict.

8) Describe the relationship between the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the judicial branch of government, and explain the increasing importance of judges.

9) Describe why parts of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms were deliberately written with vague language.

10) The Charter of Rights and Freedoms supports affirmative action programs even though preferential hiring is a violation of Equality Rights.

Explain!

11) Explain the significance of placing civil rights in the constitution.

12) Assess the following statement . . .

*The Charter of Rights and Freedoms has weakened the power of parliament, and strengthened the power of the constitution.*

13) Do Canadians generally support the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

14) What are your thoughts on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?