**Video lesson**: What are human rights?

You are going to watch a video about Human Rights by United for Human Rights (UHR) international organization and do some tasks.

Watch the video here: <https://www.youthforhumanrights.org/what-are-human-rights/>

1. **Before you watch:**

Define the words: human – rights – human rights

1. **Watch Part 1** of **the video (beginning to 2.05) and answer the following questions:**
2. Different people are asked “What are human rights?” What are their reactions/answers? Do you find any of these surprising? Why?
3. Complete the missing words:

* Human rights are the 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you have simple because you are 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Human rights apply to absolutely 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in other words, they are universal!
* Some of the rights that people mention are:
  + The right to 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + We are born free & 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Freedom of 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* There are a total of 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ human rights which are listed in the Universal   
  9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Human Rights, the world’s most widely accepted document on the subject.

OR do this exercise online here: <https://learningapps.org/watch?v=pc6gvd5mk20>

1. **Watch Part 2 of the video (2.05 – 6.17) presenting a brief history of human rights and put the events in chronological order.**
2. At first, a) the Magna Carta in England gave people rights and made the king subject to  
    the law.
3. In 539 BC, b) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is written.
4. Soon, c) Mahadma Gandhi insists that all the people in the world have rights.
5. In 1215 A.D., d) only few lucky people who belonged to particular groups had any rights.
6. In 1776, e) after the Second World War, the United Nations is formed.
7. In 1789, f) Americans declare their independence from Great Britain.
8. In 1915, g) the idea of human rights spreads to Greece, India and Rome. They noticed  
    that people naturally followed certain “natural laws”.
9. In 1945, h) the French Revolution proclaims a long list of ‘natural rights’.
10. In 1948, i) Cyrus the Great, after conquering Babylon, freed all slaves and he declared  
     people were free to choose their own religion.
11. **Watch part 3 of the video (6.17 – 7.18) and answer the questions.**

**The following facts are mentioned. Which rights are violated in the following cases?**

* 16.000 children are dying of starvation every day
* Thousands of people are in prison for speaking their minds.
* Over a billion adults are unable to read
* 27 million people are still enslaved today

1. **Watch part 4 of the video (7.19 – the end) and complete the missing words in Eleanor Roosevelt’s speech.**

**Where Do Universal Rights Begin?**

"In small places, close to 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, equal opportunity, equal dignity without 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

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1. **After you watch:**

Who stands up for human rights today? Discuss.