

## Video Activity: What are the universal human rights?

### *Before watching the video*

**1. Match the concepts and the definitions provided.**

1. To be entitled _____	a) to make violent efforts in the face of difficulties or opposition
2. Freedom _____	b) having a just or legally established claim
3. To be granted _____	c) Injury, damage
4. To be revoked _____	d) the quality or state of being free
5. Inalienable _____	e) including everyone
6. To enforce _____	f) a personal and sometimes unreasoned judgment: prejudice
7. To struggle _____	g) deficient in worldly wisdom or informed judgment
8. Rightful _____	h) having a right to certain benefits or privileges
9. Treaty _____	i) incapable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred
10. Bias _____	j) to permit as a right, privilege, or favor
11. Naïve _____	k) to give force to
12. Detriment _____	l) devoid of strength or resources
13. Inclusiveness _____	m) to annul by recalling or taking back
14. Powerless _____	n) an agreement or arrangement made by negotiation

### *While watching the video*

**1. Human rights are universal and apply to everybody no matter where they live.**

- A. Yes, human rights are the same for everybody
- B. No, every country has its own list of human rights
- C. It depends, countries can revoke certain human rights or grant new ones

**2. The basis of contemporary international human rights law is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. The United Nations Charter
- B. The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- C. The Bill of Rights

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3. All these are considered universal human rights except:

- A. The right to work
- B. Freedom from torture
- C. The right to bear arms
- D. The right not to be subjected to arbitrary arrest

4. What are the main limitations of the UDHR? What is the role of the UN in front of a human rights violation?

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5. How many countries are part of the European Court of Human Rights? Name at least 5 of them.

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### *After watching the video*

1. Read certain facts about Human Rights. Transform the following passive sentences into active ones.

a. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) **was adopted** by the UN General Assembly in 1948

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b. Human rights are inalienable and **should not be taken away**, except in specific situations and according to due process.

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c. The principle of universality in human rights **has been repeated** by many activists in international human rights conventions, declarations, and resolutions.

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d. The right to liberty **may be restricted** if a person is found guilty of a crime by a court of law.

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### 2. Work in groups. Discuss the following questions:

a. What do you think is the most important and neglected human right? Why?

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b. Look at your own country: do you think human rights are upheld and protected where you live? Why/why not?

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