

Write an article for a school newspaper about the meaning of human rights (rights that should be given to all people simply because they are human). You may use the following information, your own experiences, observations, and/or readings.

Right: That which is just, legal, morally good, or appropriate.

Source: *Webster's II New College Dictionary*

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Source: *Universal Declaration of Human Rights:
The First Three Articles*

This must be a world of democracy and respect for human rights, a world freed from the horrors of poverty, hunger, deprivation and ignorance, relieved of the threat and the scourge of civil wars and external aggression and unburdened of the great tragedy of millions forced to become refugees.

...The normal condition for human existence is democracy, justice, peace, non-racism, non-sexism, prosperity for everybody, a healthy environment and quality and solidarity among the peoples.

Source: Nelson Mandela, *Nobel Peace Prize Address*

As you write an article about the meaning of human rights, remember to

- Focus on the meaning of human rights.
- Consider the purpose, audience, and context of your article.
- Organize your article so that your ideas progress logically.
- Include relevant details that clearly develop your article.
- Edit your article for standard grammar and language usage.

Use the blank sheet of paper given to you by your teacher to plan your article. Anything you write on the blank sheet will not be scored. You must write the final copy of your article on pages 3 and 4 of your test booklet.

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