




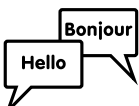



HANDOUT 2.1: Highlights from the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

	HIGHLIGHTS	EXAMPLES
 <p>FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have the freedom to pray and worship in your own way, or not to pray or worship at all. You have the freedom to shape your own opinions. You have the freedom to express your opinions. The media is free to report on anything in Canada. You can hold rallies to express your disagreements. You can choose your own friends. 	<p>You cannot be punished for your religious beliefs.</p>
 <p>DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are a citizen and 18 years old, you can vote in elections. If you are a citizen and 18 years old, you can compete for the job of a politician (run for office). The rule that governments must have elections every five years or less. The rule that elected governments must meet at least once every year. 	<p>You can run for political office and vote when you turn 18.</p>
 <p>MOBILITY RIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can live and work in any province or territory in Canada. You can leave and come back to Canada when you want. 	<p>You can visit another country and come back when you choose.</p>
 <p>LEGAL RIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are arrested, you must be told of your option to see a lawyer. If needed, you must go to court in an amount of time that is considered fair. You must be considered innocent until proven guilty. 	<p>You will receive a fair trial if you are accused of a crime.</p>
 <p>EQUALITY RIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You cannot be treated unfairly for many reasons. This includes your race, background, religion, gender, age, or mental or physical ability. 	<p>An employer cannot use your race or religion as a reason not to hire you.</p>
 <p>OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF CANADA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can talk or write to the federal government in English or French. 	<p>You can send a letter to your Member of Parliament in English or French.</p>
 <p>MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION RIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may be able to go to school in English or French if you meet certain criteria. 	<p>You can attend a French high school in some English regions of Canada, if you went to a French elementary school.</p>