




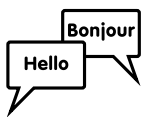



## HANDOUT 2.2: Highlights from the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

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