





HANDOUT 2.2: 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>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. 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>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>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>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>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>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. 	