








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

HIGHLIGHTS		EXAMPLES
 <p>FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS</p>	<p>You have the freedom to pray and worship in your own way, or not to pray or worship at all.</p> <p>You have the freedom to shape your own opinions.</p> <p>You have the freedom to express your opinions.</p> <p>The media is free to report on anything in Canada.</p> <p>You can hold rallies to express your disagreements.</p> <p>You can choose your own friends.</p>	
 <p>DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS</p>	<p>If you are a citizen and 18 years old, you can vote in elections.</p> <p>If you are a citizen and 18 years old, you can compete for the job of a politician.</p> <p>The rule that governments must have elections every five years or less.</p> <p>The rule that elected governments must meet at least once every year.</p>	
 <p>MOBILITY RIGHTS</p>	<p>You can live and work in any province or territory in Canada.</p> <p>You can leave and come back to Canada when you want.</p>	
 <p>LEGAL RIGHTS</p>	<p>If you are arrested, you must be told of your option to see a lawyer.</p> <p>If needed, you must go to court in an amount of time that is considered fair.</p> <p>You must be considered innocent until proven guilty.</p>	
 <p>EQUALITY RIGHTS</p>	<p>You cannot be treated unfairly for many reasons. This includes your race, background, religion, gender, age, or mental or physical ability.</p>	
 <p>OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF CANADA</p>	<p>You can talk or write to the federal government in English or French.</p>	
 <p>MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION RIGHTS</p>	<p>You may be able to go to school in English or French if you meet certain criteria.</p>	