

Unit 1: Human Rights in a Modern World

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Grades:

10

Subjects:

Social Studies

Unit Focus

In this unit, students will understand what human rights are and develop a foundation for recognizing, interpreting, and resolving human rights violations. It will explain the purpose for the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and other human rights documents. In lieu of a traditional test, students will be assessed by examining the life and contributions of a human rights defender and present their findings to the class to determine common characteristics. The primary instructional materials for this unit include the UDHR, the U.S. Bill of Rights and other relevant documents.

Stage 1:	Stage 1: Desired Results - Key Understandings	
Established Goals	Transfer	
Common Core History/Social Studies: 10 Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the authors claims. CCSS.ELA-	T1 (T3) Use textual evidence to form generalizations, make predictions and draw conclusions. T2 (T5) Apply social studies concepts and content to make connections to a given situation, problem or challenge. T3 (T6) Evaluate how individuals and groups influence or change society. Meaning	
LITERACY.RH.9-10.8 • Gather relevant information from	Understandings	Essential Questions
multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following	U1 (U801) When people's basic needs are not met, they seek change. U2 (U802) Human rights involves the recognition of human dignity and the promotion of freedom, justice and peace for all humanity.	Q1 What makes the world modern? Q2

a standard format for citation. CCSS.ELA-	U3 (U800) It is through the actions of people	What rights should all humans have?
LITERACY.WHST.9-10.8	that human rights are preserved or restored.	Q3
Connecticut Goals and Standards Social Studies: 10		Why do human rights matter?
Analyze historical, contemporary and		Q4
emerging means of changing societies, promoting the common good, and protecting rights. <i>CIV.9-12.17</i>		What are contributing factors to human rights violation?
 Analyze how people use and challenge 		Q5
local, state, national and international laws to address a variety of public issues. <i>CIV.9–12.15</i>		What makes one become a defender/rescuer of human rights?
Analyze the impact and the appropriate roles of personal interests and		Q6 (Q052) Why do people seek change?

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perspectives on the application of civic virtues, democratic principles,	Acquisition of Knowledge and Skill	
constitutional rights and human rights. <i>CIV.9–12.12</i>	Knowledge	Skills
 Assess options for individual and collective action to address local, regional and global problems by engaging in self-reflection, strategy identification and complex causal reasoning. INQ.9-12.16 Evaluate public policies in terms of intended and unintended outcomes, and related consequences. CIV.9-12.16 Evaluate the effectiveness of citizens and institutions in solving social and political problems. CIV.9-12.8 Use disciplinary and interdisciplinary lenses to understand the characteristics and causes of local, regional and global problems; instances of such problems in multiple contexts; and challenges and opportunities faced by those trying to address these problems over time and place. INQ.9-12.15 	Human rights are inalienable, universal and equal K2 The origins of modern human rights K3 The purpose for and significance of the UDHR and other human rights documents K4 How human rights are incorporated at the local, national and international levels K5 The forms human rights can take, legally and	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain S2 Conduct short research task to answer a question or solve a problem
	morally	

K6
How human rights are relevant in everyday life
К7
The relationship between human rights and responsibilities
K8
Essential Concepts/Terms: human rights, inalienable, universal, modern, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, dehumanization