Human Rights are an essential part of life. As a matter of fact, there are actually more to do with them than you would expect! Human rights are the rights you are given from the second you are born, and just because you are human, therefore, they are important to every human being. Events such as the French Revolution, Slavery in the US and the Holocaust are all events that happened to do with Human Rights. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote a speech about Human Rights, Gandhi was also a Human Rights leader and Eleanor Roosevelt worked hard to achieve the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human Rights are so important that people have dedicated their lives to it.

Many people want change. Men want change. Women want change. Even children want change. Non-equality is the reason that so many people want change. It’s just another thing to add to that long list of big problems on the earth. Equality is the action of being equal, but even now, the fight is not over. Many people think that judging a person by their race, colour or gender is over. But no, it is not. People still think that your importance depends on your gender. For example, take the suffragettes, a large nation of women who wanted the world to change by giving them the right to vote. With ‘suffrage’ meaning ‘the right to vote’ this crafty group dubbed themselves ‘the suffragettes’. These women protested, protested and protested until the men gave in. Many women were sent to prison just for saying that the government were not being fair, and according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, everyone has the freedom to
speak their mind. The rainbow nation of South Africa used to have a major problem. The whites were treated better than blacks. Without any equality, as you can see, the world would be a horrible place, just a global apartheid, where all the races and cultures would be completely separate.

When we obey, freedom rings even through the darkest of dark. Happiness spreads across the earth. If we obeyed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, there would never be any wars, weapons, racism or more importantly, sadness. Slavery was abolished throughout the United States of America in the year 1865. The two races, the two colours: white and black joined hands. Aboriginals and Australians are friends now. Even after the stolen generation, they too have joined hands. Cathy Freeman, a famous aboriginal sports star refused to carry the modern Australian flag in the Olympics and instead, she carried the aboriginal one.

Martin Luther King Junior’s legendary speech ‘I have a dream’ changed many things in the USA. He wrote that speech because he was absolutely fed up with people disobeying human rights. Disobeying has happened countless times, and in countless ways. But when we disobey human rights, the consequences seem the worst. Adolf Hitler disobeyed human rights. This action ended up in a horrific example of disobeying and racism. He killed around 6 million Jews, and the Jews did nothing worth deserving that. The government of South Africa disobeyed human rights and made a huge mistake by starting apartheid or ‘apartness’. Many people were killed when they protested for rights. The USA disobeyed by starting slavery, thousands of Africans were taken from their home county, and some never got to go back.
So human rights are a vital part of life as a human being and important for modern life. Without them, the world would be swarmed with inequality and many upset people. When we obey, lots of good things happen and there is hardly any violence or any wars. However, if we disobey, we can end up with dire consequences, such as thousands of people being killed for their race, which of course you have no choice of which one you are born into. Or even millions, just for their beliefs. Human rights are one of the most important parts of life, and without them, all would be pure chaos.