HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT

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Human rights are the rights you have simply because you are human. They are things such as: the right to life, and the right to education, and protect you from slavery and torture. Human rights are definitely important. Without human rights, there would be no justice, and there would be war almost all the time. Human rights protect us and help to ensure that we are all treated fairly and equally.

Firstly, human rights are there to protect us. Without human rights we may possibly have to live in endless conflict, such as World War Two. World War Two was started by Germany in an unprovoked attack on Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany after Hitler had refused to abort his invasion of Poland. World War Two in Europe began on 3rd September 1939, when the Prime Minister of Britain, Neville Chamberlain, declared war on Germany. It was estimated that 5 million people died during the war before it ended in the summer of 1945. Many human rights were violated. The main right that was violated states ‘everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.’ After World War Two, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was created so that people would not have to face such atrocities again. The UDHR was made to protect people from endless wars.

No human rights, no fair trials. Someone could get put into jail for nothing! The 10th right in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, states that, ‘Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.’ As you can clearly see, without human rights we could get put in jail for nothing. This means one thing, human rights are important.

Human rights promote the equality of all humans. Apartheid went on for 46 years and was a time in South Africa when all races were separated. Apartheid means ‘apartness’ in Afrikaans. There were different toilets, churches and even different bus stops. When apartheid was in place many people didn’t like it, almost all people in fact. Then out of the blue, came a man named Nelson Mandela. He stood up for people’s rights to equality, but then got thrown in jail because the government didn’t want to recognise human rights. He was in jail for 27 years. Apartheid also ended because almost the whole country wanted
equality so there was pressure on the government. When Nelson Mandela joined up with F. W. De Clerk, a South African President, they then convinced the rest of the government to stop apartheid. Therefore, human rights help to create equality amongst everyone. Human rights are important.

In conclusion, human rights are important. We don’t want endless war, but we do want justice and to be able to speak our mind without being hurt. Without human rights, that is not always possible. Human rights are important because they protect us and they encourage us to treat each other as equals. Human rights make the world a better place.