Human rights are any basic right or freedom to which all human beings are entitled to. Human rights are a very important part of society because if we didn’t have them, women would still be treated unequally, no one would be trying to help developing countries get back on track and the world would be a chaotic, war ridden place.

In the past, women have not always been treated equally and they would still be treated unfairly now if Human Rights had never existed. Women play a big part in our society and our whole world would be a lot worse off if they were treated now like they were back then. Human rights are important because they apply to everyone, including women. In the Middle East many people still treat women horrifically, making them wear burqas that cover their whole body. If they show an ankle or a tiny piece of skin, they could get beaten up or killed. Where they live, people don’t take any notice of human rights but if they did, it could save many lives.

Another example is that women weren’t allowed to vote in Australia for a very long time. Women deserve to vote just as much as men do. Everyone deserves to have their opinion counted. It has only been in the last 40 or so years where women have been allowed to get well paying jobs that you are required to go to university for. The jobs women have been allowed in the past were things like looking after their children and doing the housework. They had no choice if they wanted to choose a different career. Now though, women get the opportunity to become a respectable well earning person. Human rights have helped to ensure that women are treated equally. The first article in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is that “We are all born free and equal.” This shows how human rights are working to treat everyone equal. Human rights are definitely important because without them men would still be treating women unequally and unfairly around the world. Human rights directly help women to be treated equally.

Human rights have helped people realise how important education is and how much people in developing countries need it. Without human rights, most people who are lucky enough to live in wealthy and peaceful countries would never have given thought to how much education is needed in other countries. They have opened our eyes and people are now responding with the help that these people need because without an education you cannot grow up and get a well paying job. For instance, when South African people lived under the Apartheid system, the white people forced all black people to go to the really bad schools. Even though most people in South Africa at that time were black or Asian, they still forced them to go to different schools. This then
resulted in all of the black schools being way overpopulated and no one learning much at all.

Education can be the key to a family's future and welfare. For example, in the computer room, we watched a video about a school named The School of Saint Jude in Tanzania run by an Australian woman. In the video they interviewed a family that had four kids. The three elder ones and the parents hadn’t been educated and they were really poor but they had one hope. The youngest child had a shot at getting into that school and if he did his whole family would be better off. Luckily, he did get into that school and it was really amazing to see those people get another shot at having a better, educated life. There were a lot of people going to that school and it was really good to see how many people were being helped by it. If it weren’t for Human Rights there wouldn’t be any schools like that. Human Rights are really important because without them people wouldn’t be getting an education in those countries like they do now.

Finally, Human Rights are extremely important because without them there would be more wars, more abuse and more torture. For instance, Adolf Hitler was a horrible and cruel man who lived from April the 20th 1889 to April 30th 1945. Hitler was the Nazi leader and wanted to kill all the Gypsies and the Jewish people because he thought that Germany was much better without Jewish people and that Jews seemed subordinate and inferior. One horrendous way that they would kill these people was they would put them in prison camps and kill them while they were there or they would starve to death. That was called the Holocaust and it was an absolutely atrocious breach of what we now call Human Rights. It was a horrific and appalling thing to do and if someone like Hitler decided to do that now, lots of countries would be putting pressure on Germany, which would force him to stop.

Another harrowing thing that happened in World War 2 was the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima. In 1945, during World War 2 the U.S.A dropped a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. It was an absolutely gruesome thing to do but, to make matters worse, three days later they dropped another one on Nagasaki, Japan. To do that to a city in Japan would be something that would haunt you in your dreams but to do it again would completely unthinkable. I know that that will never happen again because of Human Rights. Human Rights are exceptionally important because if we had none people may do these unthinkable things again.

Human Rights are exceedingly important because if there weren't any women would still be deprived of their rights, people in developing countries wouldn’t be getting any help at all to get an education and there would be more cruel and horrific people like Hitler who would kill without any restraint from other countries. Human Rights are extraordinarily important.

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