HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT
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Human rights are important. Human rights are the rights you have because you are you, a human. Human rights became legal in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UHDR is a list of 30 articles but unlike other rights, these rights apply to absolutely everyone. It was signed by all 48 representatives from the 48 countries in the UN. They were encouraged to make human rights after World War II. Human rights were created so the world would find peace. They are important because they keep us safe from racism, stop slavery, give us an education and make sure everyone knows we are all equal.

Firstly, knowing your human rights can stop racism around your community. As it states in Article 2 of the UDHR, ‘Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status’. That means nobody can call anyone anything racist. For example, no one can take your rights away because of the language that you speak. This law helped people like Nelson Mandela, who many white people disliked because he was black. Please add one sentence on how it helped Nelson Mandela. Therefore, knowing your human rights can stop racism.

Secondly, the UDHR stops slavery everywhere. As it states in Article 4 of the UDHR, ‘No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.’ No one can keep a person to do all their work without pay, proper food or education or without rest breaks. In America, slavery was practiced for a long time. Please write why slavery is not allowed in America now here. You can be put in jail for that. That is why slavery is not acceptable anywhere.

Thirdly, the UDHR gives everyone an education. As stated in Article 26 (1) and (3) of the UDHR, ‘Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.’ That means every child (and adult) must have an education. Education is one of the most important things as you can get a good job for money which supports your family, and it can also mean the difference between you living in poverty or not. The Africans have been living in poverty because they have no money, which means no job and that therefore means... no education. We need to give these kids an education. Education can make everybody equal. Education is a good thing and human rights can provide that to every person in the world.

Fourthly, everybody in the entire world is equal. As it states in Article 1, ‘All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.’ This means that we humans are all equal. Everybody is the same and no one is different. Some people might have different personalities and looks but we are still the same. Like when Kevin Rudd said ‘sorry’ to the Aboriginals who were affected by the Stolen Generation. We took away their land and their homes and even though we are equal, we treated them badly. This is why human rights are important because they teach us all that we are all equal.

In conclusion, human rights are important because they keep us safe from racism. Many people disliked Mandela and now many people are learning to like everyone despite their race, colour, sex or anything else Human rights have helped to stop slavery stop slavery
pretty much everywhere. Human rights are valuable to everyone in the world because they give us education and make us all equal. Having human rights give people an education and therefore, give people a chance at a better life and a better job and stop people living in poverty and make blacks, whites, girls, boys, all equal.