




HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH PAPER

(expository essay)

Overview & Introduction



Unpacking our Human Rights
& Writing the Introduction

Introduction: 3 Simple Steps

Step 1

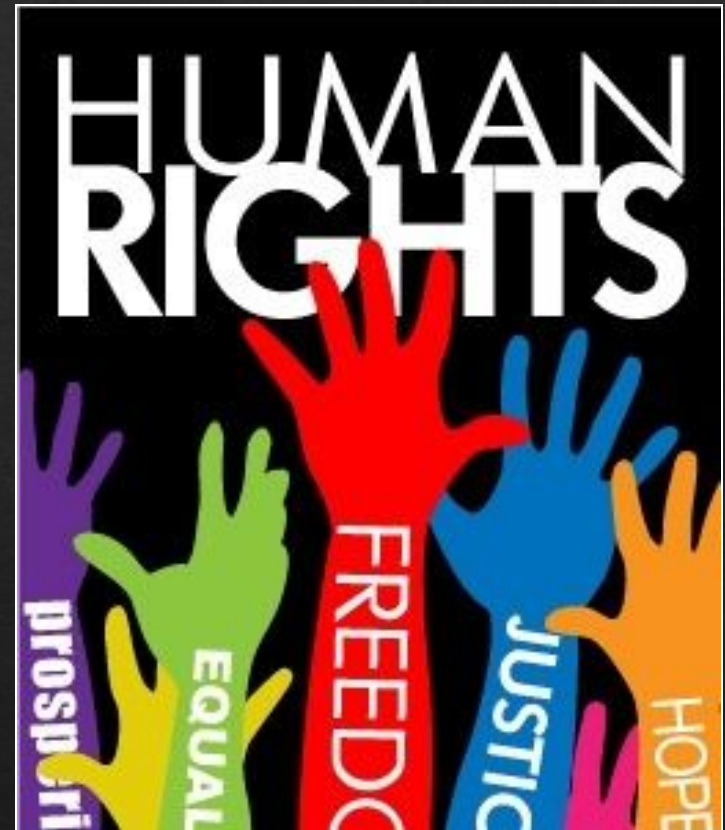
- ◆ First Engaging Sentence: start with a **shocking statistic** or **quotation** that you then **explain** (2+ sentences)



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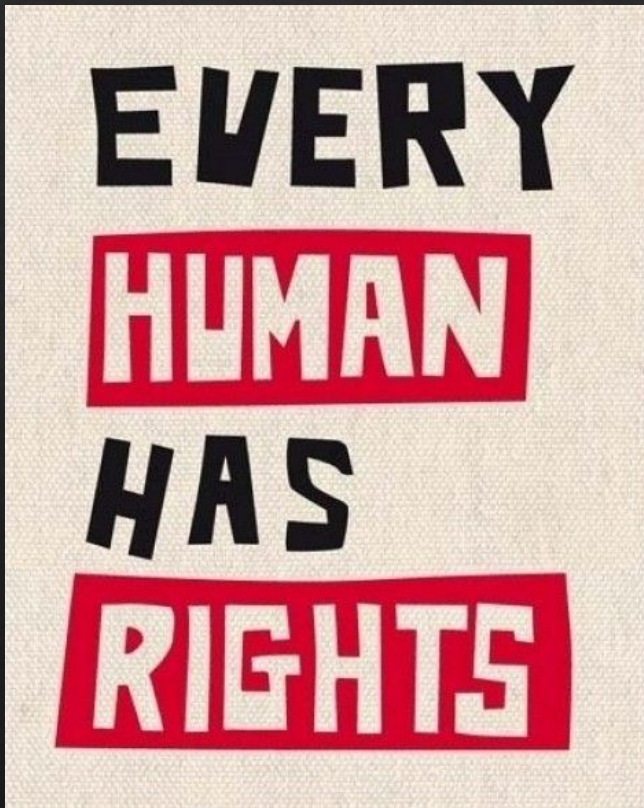
Step 2

- ◆ **Explain** what human rights are with a **definition** or some **history**, why they are **important** and why we need to **protect** them (2-3+ sentences)



Introduction: 3 Simple Steps

Step 3



- ◆ End introduction with a **thesis statement** and include an **assertion** about your **three focus human rights** (2+ sentences)

Assertion

- ◆ A **statement** or **claim** an author makes about a specific topic
 - This is your **thesis statement** in your Introductory Paragraph
 - This is your **topic sentence** in each of your Body Paragraphs
 - You **prove** your assertion with **evidence**

Introduction: Step 1

◆ A Shocking, True Statistic/Number

- Nearly 320,000 of the homeless are children, according to the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality. This evidence shows...

◆ A Famous or Powerful Quotation

- Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” This quotation means...

Pick one of these quotes or statistics and write it in #1 of your worksheet. Format your wording after the example.

Some Authors of These Quotes



Mother Teresa



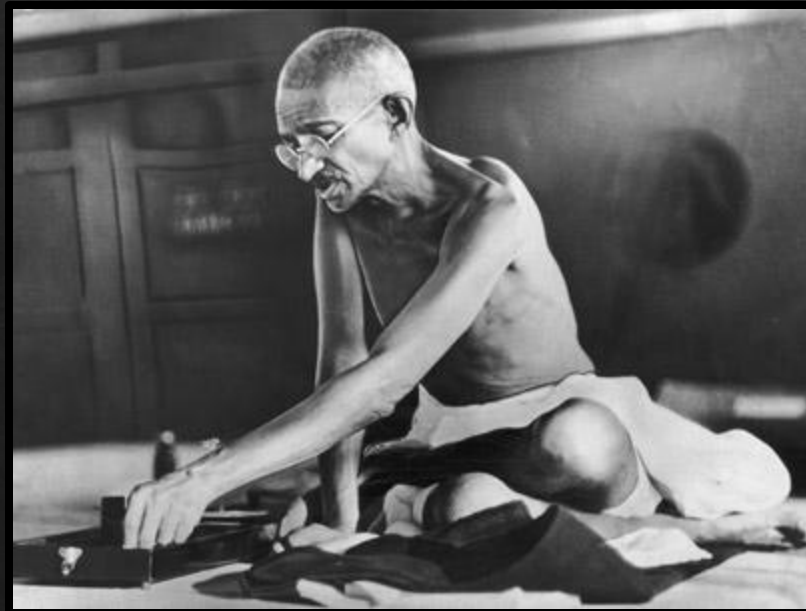
The Dalai Lama



Anne Frank



Emily Dickinson



Mahatmas Gandhi



Eleanor Roosevelt

Introduction: Step 2

Explain what human rights are with a **definition** or some **history**, why they are **important** and why we need to **protect** them (2-3+ sentences)

- ◇ Introduce Human Rights with a **definition** or some **historical background**
- ◇ Why are Human Rights **important**? Do they **protect** us? Why should they be **universally accepted**?

Introduction: Step 3

End your introduction with a **thesis statement** and include your **three focus human rights** as your **main assertion** (2+ sentences)

- ◆ What **statement** will you make?
 - Human Rights are being violated/abused/neglected/ignored in today's world/universally/globally.
- ◆ What are your **THREE** focus Human Rights?

Completed Paragraph

(1) Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” **This quotation means** that we need to respect each other and stand up for each other’s rights. **(2) There are thirty human rights that all people are born with.** It is important that people know their human rights so that they can protect them. Standing up for everyone’s human rights will make the world a more peaceful, fair place to live. **(3) Although we all have human rights, the human rights to no slavery, no torture and worker’s rights are being violated around the world.**