

The story of Prince Edward County schools – What are human rights?

Answer the following questions in the space below:

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Read over the human rights from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) below and look out for them in the story of the closing of the Prince Edward County Schools. During the lesson if you see examples note them in the corresponding space below.

Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2: 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.

Article 7: All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 20: (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

Article 26: (1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.