

Champions of Equality: Understanding Civil Rights

Learning objective: To understand the importance of civil rights, identify key principles of equality, and analyse how individuals have campaigned for fairness and justice throughout history.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge of the struggle for equality and the work of human rights campaigners to provide detailed, well-reasoned answers.

Ellie the elephant has an incredible memory, and she often shares stories about the brave people who stood up for what was right. From the fight against segregation in the 1950s and 1960s to modern-day movements, civil rights are the basic freedoms and protections that every person deserves, regardless of their background. History shows us that change often happens when people work together to challenge unfair laws and demand equal treatment for all.

Word bank: discrimination · segregation · equality · justice · activism · campaign · legislation · human rights

1. Define the term 'segregation' and explain why it is considered a violation of human rights. (2 marks)

2. Ellie the elephant explains that change often happens through 'activism'. Describe two different methods that historical figures have used to campaign for equal rights. (2 marks)

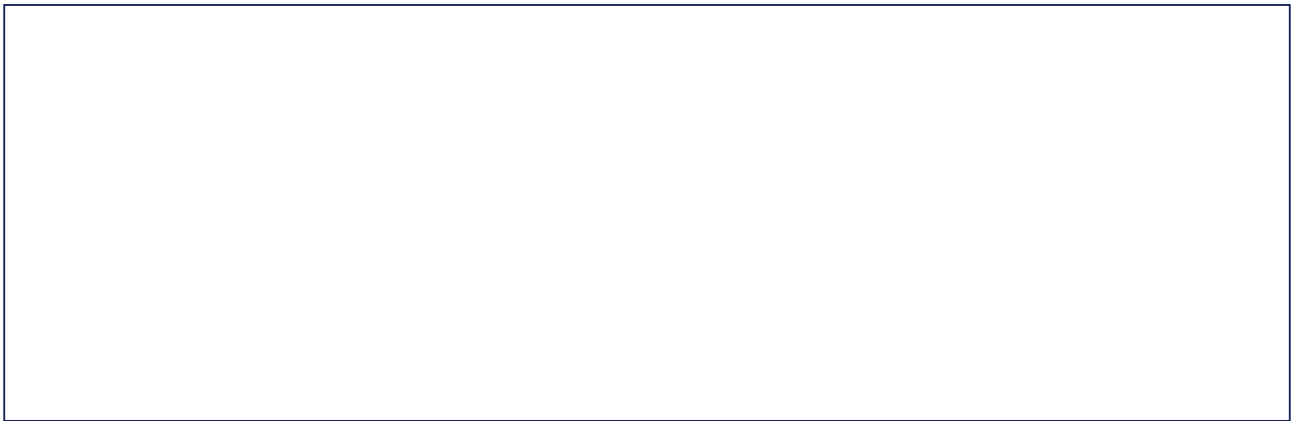
3. Compare and contrast the lives of individuals living under discriminatory laws versus those living in a society with equal rights. How might their daily experiences differ? (3 marks)

4. Justify why legislation (laws) is necessary to protect the civil rights of citizens in a country. (2 marks)

5. Explain why it is important to study the history of civil rights when thinking about the world we live in today. (2 marks)

6. What might happen if a society chose to ignore the rights of certain groups of people? Provide reasons for your prediction. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster showing a world where everyone is treated with equality and kindness. Include symbols or words that represent justice and unity.



Extension challenge: Research a historical figure who fought for civil rights. Write a short, persuasive speech (150 words) from their perspective, urging people to stand up for equality. Include a list of three 'rules' for a fair and just classroom.