

SOCIAL STUDIES 11

UNIT II – GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 12 – THE ERA OF HUMAN RIGHTS – (Start on Page 299)

Human Rights in the Charter – P. 299

1. What have Canadians had the right to do since 1982?

Fundamental Freedoms – P. 299

2. What does Section 2 of the Charter protect?
3. Why was the Lord's Day Act overturned in 1985?
4. Identify the occasion in which freedoms from Section 2 were restricted.

Equality Rights – P. 299

5. What does Section 15 guarantee? What does "before the law" imply?
6. What does "under the law" intend?
7. What does Section 15 prohibit?

Case 1 – Eldridge et al versus Attorney General of British Columbia 1995 – P. 300

8. What was the outcome of John and Linda Warren's frightening experience?

The Notwithstanding Clause – P. 300

9. In your own words, explain the "notwithstanding clause".
10. From the reading, explain why you think the notwithstanding clause was included.
11. Explain how Saskatchewan and Quebec used the notwithstanding clause.

Aboriginal Rights – P. 304-305

12. Summarize Phil Fontaine's comments on the opinions of many First Nations' people.
13. What did Ashley Iserhoff, a James Bay Cree, tell the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations?

Case 2 - Lavell versus Regina – P. 305

14. Explain how the Charter of Rights and Freedoms benefited Jeanette Corbiere.

Gender Equity in the Workplace – P. 306

15. In what area did Canada rank a mere ninth?
16. How have women been discriminated against in the workplace?
17. What "special initiative" does Section 15 of the Charter allow?
18. Identify the two practices that still cause debate.