

Sample Human Rights Persuasive Research Essay

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Some of the young men grew up without parents while others cowered in fear because of their abusive parents. All fell victim to poverty and discrimination because they lived on the East Side of town; they were treated differently and did not have the same freedoms as their richer classmates. So goes the story of the Greasers, the main characters in The Outsiders, a novel by S.E. Hinton. While this story may appear in the fiction section of a bookstore, familiar stories ring true all throughout the real world. In fact, the Greasers encountered inequality on a small scale compared to what others have dealt with - and continue to deal with - but an organization called the United Nations has a mission to end all inequality. In 1948, the United Nations created a document that listed human rights for every country to uphold, which has expanded to thirty rights that are protected by international law. Of these thirty human rights, the most important is the first one: freedom and equality. This human right is so important that it was (and still is) frequently violated in ancient Egypt, historic United States of America, and even contemporary times.

One example of inequality existed in ancient Egypt in the form of slavery, which is the opposite of freedom. According to the United Nations, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" (www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/index.html). In ancient Egypt, however, slaves were not free or equal. They certainly were not treated with dignity when they were beaten and forced to.....

In addition to the horrors of ancient Egypt, inequality snuck into the history of the United States of America, also in the form of slavery. Harriet Tubman tried to solve this problem by sneaking many enslaved people to free states using the Underground Railroad. She felt so strongly about the human right of freedom and equality that she risked her own life many times for the freedom of others....

A third example of how the first human right to equality and freedom is violated continues to exist in contemporary times. Unfortunately, situations, like the crisis in Syria, demonstrate...

All of these examples from history, the world, and contemporary times demonstrate the importance and gross violation of the first human right: “We are all free and equal. We are all born free. We all have our own thoughts and ideas. We should all be treated in the same way” (www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/human-rights). Even though slavery, discrimination, racism, sexism, bullying, and other forms of inequality continue to exist, it will only continue to flourish if the citizens of the world allow it to. Start on a small scale, with small freedoms, with small inequalities, and with small acts of kindness. Never has there been a better time for people to work together to fix this problem.

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