

HUMAN RIGHTS

(this schedule does NOT include every syllabus dot point for the topic)

Students learn about:	Students learn to:	Resources links and activities	Themes
<p>The nature and development of human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing recognition of human rights; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ self-determination (p.18) (p.21-22) • formal statements of human rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outline how human rights have changed and developed over time • evolving recognition and importance of human rights • examine human rights documents and explain their contribution to the development of human rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the obligations of the British Mandate under Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations (p.18) • Consider the implications for self-determination of Israelis and Palestinians expressed in Balfour declaration (p.6-8) • Consider the recommendations of UNSCOP, and UNGA Res 181 (p.18) (p.10-12) and UNGA Res 3236 and 3246 (p28). Evaluate the implications on self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians. • Review the Israeli nation-state law and the 'Position Paper by Adalah Legal Centre (p21-22). Consider the implication on self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians. • Consider human rights statement and implications for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Palestinian refugees (p.14-15) ○ Self-determination (p.18) ○ The right to water (p.22-23) 	<p>Issues of compliance and non-compliance (p.25-26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly resolutions are advisory and can't be enforced • State sovereignty limits compliance • Ongoing Settlement expansion (p20-21) • UNSC Resolutions (p26-27), • The rights of refugees to return (p.13-15) <p>Effectiveness of legal measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-compliance (p25-26) • Violation of UN Convention of Rights of the Child (p24) • Inability to achieve state sovereignty • Basic human rights and necessity to water (p.22-23) • The effect of the US veto on establishing UNSC Resolutions that could protect state sovereignty and human rights for Palestinians • Humanitarian law is not enforced • UNSC Resolutions not enforced

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Non-government organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate the effectiveness of Australian responses in promoting and enforcing human rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the effectiveness of refugee law in protecting the rights of Palestinian refugees (p.14) • Review the list of UN Resolutions and consider what has been achieved since they have been passed (p.26-28) • Review the UN Country Team report on 'Gaza ten years later' (p.23) and determine the factors that may affect the shortfall in protecting the human rights of Palestinians in Gaza. • Consider local policy and laws on the distribution of Water (p.22-23). • Review the Amnesty International Reports on access to water for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank (p.22). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Troubled waters</i> ◦ <i>Occupation of Water</i> • Identify any human rights issues relating to water. • Outline the effectiveness of Amnesty International in promoting human rights issues. • Consider the Australian government's response to the human rights challenges faced by Palestinians (p.26) • Evaluate the implications of the Australian government's recognition of West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, in light of UNSC Res 298, 476, 478 (p.27) 	<p>Effectiveness of non-legal measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNRWA provides basic necessities for survival but does not provide for the rights of refugees for resettlement or repatriation (p.14) • Recommendations by the UN Human Rights Council are not implemented (p.31) • <i>Defence for Children International</i> raises awareness of the breaches of international law regarding children (p24) <p>Development of Human Rights as a reflection of changing values and ethical standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an increase in support for Palestinian state sovereignty. This is reflected in the GA with Res 67/19. However, this is not being reflected in the Security Council • Effect of US veto power (p26) • US abstained from SC Res 2334 to reflect international views on settlement expansion • A US Res to condemn HAMAS failed to receive a second vote (p26)
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<p>Investigate a contemporary issue which illustrates the promotion and/or enforcement of human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • treatment of refugees (p.13-17) • abuse of children (p.24-25) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigate a contemporary human rights issue and evaluate the effectiveness of legal and non-legal responses to the issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the interactive map for UNRWA refugee services and identify the location of camps and services provided for Palestinian refugees (p.14) • Evaluate the effectiveness of International refugee law in protecting the human rights of Palestinian refugees (p.14) • Consider the effectiveness of UNGA Res 194 in protecting Palestinian refugees (p.13) • Evaluate the impact of Israel’s anti-repatriation laws on Israel’s security in light of the Great March of Return (p.13) (p.17) • Outline the human rights challenges faced by Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Gaza as a result of their exclusion from their homeland (p.15-17) • Identify the implication of the occupation on the rights of children in the West Bank and Gaza (p24-25) • Explore the <i>Defence for Children International website</i> and identify the criticisms raised regarding the abuse of Palestinian children subjected to Israeli military law in the West Bank • Review the <i>2018 report by DCI</i> and identify the risks of abuse faced by Palestinian children in relation to the Israeli military and Palestinian armed groups. 	<p>The role of law reform in protecting human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of UNSC Res 2334 regarding settlement expansion had no effect on reducing settlement expansion (p.20) • Enforcement limitations of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention • Limitations related to the lack of ratified humanitarian and human rights law • Difficulty in getting human rights law passed the UNSC to support Palestinians due to the US/Israel alliance and veto power
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<p>INTERNATIONAL CRIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crimes against the international community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the various measure used to deal with international crime Evaluate the effectiveness of domestic and international legal system in dealing with international crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Fourth Geneva Convention, Articles 6, 49 and 33. (p.29) Identify the significance of humanitarian law with regard to Israeli settlements (p20-21) Consider the relevance of UNSC Res 465, 799, and 2334 (p.29-31) Review the Oxfam fact sheet on settlements (p.20) and outline some of the issues surrounding settlement expansion in the West Bank Review the Amnesty International report on ‘Israeli settlements and International law’ (p.29) Evaluate the effectiveness of legal measures in this regard. Review the ICRC 2010 Report on Gaza and consider whether the siege on Gaza might violate Humanitarian law (p.29) Review the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry on Gaza 2014, and consider possible war crimes (p.29) Review the 2018 Palestinian submission to the ICC and the Preliminary reports by the ICC to discover the proposed international crimes under investigation (p.30) Review the 2019 independent report on Gaza protests and consider the impact in dealing with international crime and identify limitations (p.31) Consider the challenges and the effectiveness of the ICC in preventing and deterring international crime (p.30-31) 	<p>Issues of compliance and non-compliance in regard to criminal law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israel is not a party to Rome statute, yet jurisdiction relies on Palestinian ratification. Prosecution will be challenging Non-compliance with the Fourth Geneva Convention regarding settlements Breaches of the Geneva Convention by Israel and Palestinian armed groups during the 2014 Gaza escalation The role of the UN Human Rights Council, and why Israel refuses to cooperate (p31) <p>the extent to which the law balances the rights of victims, offenders and society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited legal protections for Palestinians in Israel/West Bank/Gaza/Lebanon An imbalance of rights available to Israeli settlers in the West Bank compared to Palestinians under military rule How does the international legal system balance the rights of Palestinians and Israelis
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