

Grade 5 Drama: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Under the Charter, all Canadians enjoy the following rights:

equality rights: equal treatment before and under the law, and equal protection and benefit of the law without discrimination

democratic rights: the right to participate in political activities, to vote and to be elected to political office and similar rights

legal rights: the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty, the right to retain a lawyer and to be informed of that right, and the right to an interpreter in a court proceeding are examples

mobility rights: the right to enter and leave Canada, and to move to and take up residence in any province or to reside outside Canada

language rights: generally, the right to use either the English or French languages in communications with Canada's federal government and certain of Canada's provincial governments

minority language education rights: generally, French and English minorities in every province and territory have the right to be educated in their own language

All Canadians also enjoy fundamental freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom of the press, and freedom of association.