

Human Rights Act: discussion points

- For Key stage 4 and 5 students
- discussion points for standard, intermediate and advanced students
- to be used after watching film *The boy who changed the law* (12 minutes)
<https://youtu.be/hNpFogsMiB4>

<i>Standard</i>
1. Did Hughes and his Mum have a row before he left the house?
2. Why did his Mum want Hughes to clean up his room?
3. What was Hughes going to buy?
4. Who gave Hughes his birthday money?
5. Where was Hughes when the policeman found him?
6. Why did the policeman arrest Hughes?
7. Did Hughes phone his Mum from the police station?
8. In the final scene outside the court, who is Hughes with?
9. What do you think about the film you've just seen?
10. Which humans is the Human Rights Act for?
11. What do you know about the Human Rights Act?

<i>Intermediate</i>
1. What did Hughes and his Mum argue about at the beginning of the film?
2. What was Hughes planning to do when he got on the bus?
3. Why was Hughes arrested?
4. Was Hughes charged with stealing the mobile phone?
5. Why wasn't Hughes allowed to phone his Mum?
6. Did Hughes win his court case?
7. What do you think about the film you've just seen?
8. Did you know about this case?
9. Who does the Human Rights Act protect?
10. What have you seen in the media about the Human Rights Act?

<i>Advanced</i>
1. What do you think about the film you've just seen?
2. What was the anomaly that meant Hughes couldn't phone his Mum?
3. What law did Hughes use to win his court case?
4. Did you know about this case?
5. What rights does the Human Rights Act protect?
6. Why do think cases like in the film, which are positive about the Human Rights Act, don't make it into the media?
7. Why does the Conservative Government want to scrap the Human Rights Act?
<i>Questions about human rights that go beyond the film</i>
1. Should people be sent to prison without knowing why?
2. How do you balance a person's right to freedom against that person being imprisoned after being convicted of a crime?
3. Is torture ever justified?
4. Should the death penalty ever be used?
5. Where does the Human Rights Act come from?
6. When and why was the European Convention of Human Rights written?
7. Who was it written by?
8. What's the Human Rights Act got to do with Brexit?
9. Do you think we should scrap the Human Rights Act?