

The Development of International Human Rights

Instructions: Use your reading to fill in the chart below. Do not fill in the shaded boxes.

	Why was this event important to international human rights?	What were the shortcomings?
U.S. & French Revolutions		
Haitian Constitution		
Geneva Conventions		
League of Nations		
Allies' Justification for World War II		
Nuremburg Trials		
UN Charter		
Universal Declaration of Human Rights		
	Why was this event important to international human rights?	What were the long-term consequences for international human rights?
Cold War		
Decolonization		
Vienna World Conference on Human Rights		

Human Rights in Practice

Instructions: Use your reading to fill in the charts below about human rights today. Do not fill in the darkly shaded box.

Actors	How can they protect/promote human rights?	What are their limits or shortcomings?
National Governments		
The United Nations		
International Courts		
NGOs		
Individuals		

What challenges do these issues pose for human rights?

Current Challenges	Globalization	Global Environmental Problems

Give examples of other human rights challenges.

U.S. Human Rights Policy	In what ways has the United States promoted human rights?	Give examples of times when the United States has not made human rights a top priority.

What is the paradox of U.S. human rights policy?

Study Guide—Part III

Vocabulary: Be sure that you understand these key terms from Part III of your reading. Circle ones that you do not know.

U.S. exceptionalism
 prioritize
 antiretroviral
 intellectual property rights
 indivisible and complementary
 Western values

universal rights
 legitimacy
 socialist
 communism
 universal jurisdiction

Instructions: Use your reading to help you fill in the chart below. Because ideas about human rights are controversial, different actors (governments, NGOs, critics, etc.) in each case study have different answers to the central question. (The central question of each case study is the bold, pulled-out question in the reading.) Be sure to note the different groups next to each answer.

Case Study	Central Question of Case Study	Different Answers to the Central Question
Balancing Rights—Freedom of Expression	<i>When one set of rights infringes upon another, how should we decide whose rights and which rights take priority? Should freedom of expression be limited in certain cases?</i>	United States: Iran: South Africa: The Netherlands: Germany:
The Right to Health—Brazil		

Name: _____

Universal Rights?—The Rights of Children		
International Justice—Augusto Pinochet and Chile		
Military Intervention for Human Rights—Kosovo		

Name: _____

Options: Graphic Organizer

Should the United States prioritize human rights in foreign policy?				
Should the United States ratify international human rights treaties?				
Should the United States join the ICC?				
Can sovereignty ever be violated? If so, when?				
Are human rights universal?				
Do human rights include the full spectrum of rights or only civil and political rights?				
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4