How Did Canada’s Democracy Come to Be?

**BNA Act (1867) – British North America Act**

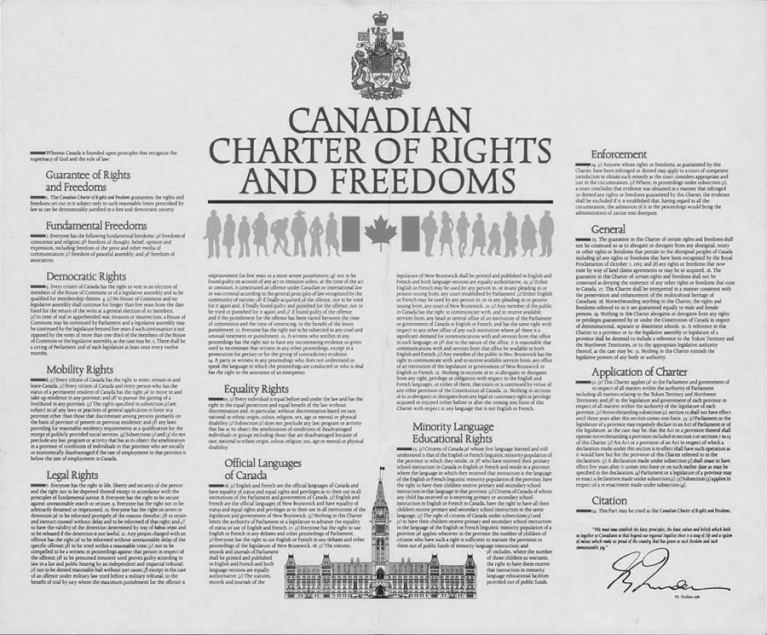
* **Confederation**
* Our first **constitution**
* Created by **England** and **Canada** (so still a lot of British input)

**Statute of Westminster (1931)**

* British Law that gave its colonies **full legal freedom**
* Canada could **choose** to go to war with Britain
* Gave Canada more **autonomy** (create own laws and govern themselves)

**Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1982)**

* **Bill of Rights**
* Guarantees **political** and **civil** rights to Canadians
* With BNA Act = **Canada’s constitution**



**What Rights do we have as Canadian citizens?**

**-voting – freedom of speech – free healthcare – free education – travel in Canada – leave Canada – freedom of opinion – freedom of expression – need reasonable cause for arrest -**

**The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**

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| **Democratic Rights**  **-keep Canada a democracy** | **Fundamental Freedoms** | **Mobility Rights**  **-can move around in Canada** |
| -right to vote  -elections every 5 years  -Parliament meets at least once a year | -speech - expression – opinion – to education (up to grade 12)  -religion –  - freedom of press (media)  -freedom of peaceful assembly (protest) | - can enter, remain in, or leave Canada freely  -work in any province |

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| **Legal Rights**  **-life, liberty, and protection** | **Equality Rights**  **-everyone equal under law** | **Official Language Rights**  **-English and French equal** | **Minority-language Education Rights**  **-Publics schools in both languages** |
| -know the reason for arrest  -fair trial  -right against unreasonable search and seizure | -no discrimination against race, religion, gender, age, mental/physical ability | -government has to be English and French  -signs  -labels | -French and English schools available – where numbers are high enough |

**In each scenario, which section of the Charter has been violated?**