Global Citizenship

**What is Global Citizenship?**

Everyone in the world is **connected** in one way or another. Just because someone was born in one country does not mean they should be **treated** differently than someone born in another country. However, because all countries make their own **laws**, this is sometimes not the case. What do we do when someone in another country is not being treated properly? How do we make their situation better? Who’s in charge of all this?

**What are Human Rights?**

* Based on **morality** 🡪 things that people consider right and wrong
* Should apply **to all people at all times**

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

* United Nations - December 10, 1948
* Considered by most countries to be the basis for **global morality**

Some important rights:

* Right to an **education**
* Freedom from **torture**, or cruel and inhumane treatment or **punishment**
* Freedom of **thought**, conscience, and religion
* The right to a **standard of living** adequate for health and well-being

**Declaration of Rights of the Child**

* 1959, UN – to protect children in the world

Children everywhere have the right to:

* Affection, love and understanding
* Adequate **nutrition** and **health care**
* An **education**
* Full opportunity for **play** and recreation
* A **name** and **nationality**
* Special care if handicapped
* **Priority for relief** in time of disaster

**When Global Citizenship Works:**

Fill in the following chart with details from the textbook:

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| **Amnesty international (pg. 185-186)** | |
| Who started Amnesty International and when?  Why did he start it?  What type of people do they defend? | List the ways Amnesty international advocates for freedom: |
| **South Africa – Apartheid (pg 204)** | |
| What is Apartheid?  Why as this system unfair?  What right did everyone NOT have in South Africa at the time? | What is South Africa’s government like today?  How did this come to be?  In what year did they hold their first fair election? |

Consider both of these cases. Why is it important for people from other countries to get involved when someone’s basic human rights are being violated? Explain your answer in at least 5 sentences:

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