

## Declaration of the Rights of Man - discussion questions

1. Which Article do you think is most important? Why?
2. Which Article do you find unclear?
3. What (or who) influenced the *Declaration*? How do you know?
4. What are the “natural rights” asserted by this document?
5. What is said about religion and the right to worship?
6. What does the *Declaration* say about property? What about taxation?
7. What does “equality” mean in the *Declaration*?
8. How do you think each of the main groups of people in France in 1789 would have reacted to the declaration?
9. Which of these rights would you expect to have today in your society and which are no longer relevant? List those you consider irrelevant and discuss them as a class.
10. What rights do women have?
11. How do you interpret the second sentence of Article 1?