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Civil Rights and Freedoms

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2. Name two consequences that these laws had on the individual freedoms of black people?

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4. Name two things that an adult woman can do today that she could not do in 1930.

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Section 2 - Reflection questions

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9. a) Do you believe that the current laws protect all Quebecers against discrimination? Explain your answer.

b) If you were the Premier of Quebec, what would you do to make sure that all young people had the same opportunities, no matter what their gender, sexual orientation, age or ethnic origin?

Section 3 - Scenarios

10. The owner of an apartment refuses to rent it to a pregnant woman because he doesn't want any kids living in the apartment.

Is this situation legal? _____

Why or why not?

11. The owner of an apartment refuses to rent it to a Boston Bruins fan.

Is this situation legal? _____

Why or why not?



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Is this situation legal? _____

Why or why not?

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Civil Rights and Freedoms – ANSWER KEY

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Jim Crow Laws

2. Name two consequences that these laws had on the individual freedoms of black people?

- attend the same schools as white people (often the better schools),
- live in certain neighbourhoods (often the wealthier neighbourhoods).
- enjoy public spaces in the same way as white people,
- vote in all situations, or
- marry whomever they wanted.

3. What was the name of the women who fought for women's voting rights at the beginning of the 20th century?

The Suffragettes

4. Name two things that an adult woman can do today that she could not do in 1930.

In 1930, a woman could not

- hold most jobs,
- study in most programs,
- manage their own money,
- vote,
- run for office, or
- make financial decisions on their own.

5. Name a document that prohibits discrimination in Quebec based on ethnic origin or sex.

Quebec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms OR the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

6. If you believe you've been discriminated against, where can you file a complaint?

The Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse (human rights commission).

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Individual answer.

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Section 3 - Scenarios

10. The owner of an apartment refuses to rent it to a pregnant woman because he doesn't want any kids living in the apartment.

Is this situation legal? **No**

Why or why not? **Being pregnant is a prohibited reason for discrimination under the Charter.**

11. The owner of an apartment refuses to rent it to a Boston Bruins fan.

Is this situation legal? **Yes**

Why or why not? **Owners can rent their apartments to whomever they want. However, they can't refuse to rent based on a discriminatory reason. Sports preferences are not one of the reasons prohibited by the Charter.**



12. The owner of a fancy restaurant only hires women under 30 to wait on tables. He says that having young servers makes his restaurant more popular with businessmen in the area.

Is this situation legal? **No**

Why or why not? **It's a case of discrimination based on sex and age.**