# The Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948-1988



## What it is:

It's a "common standard of achievement" for all people in all nations — a declaration that universal human equality and dignity are goals for all people. It was signed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948.

It commits all member nations to work towards this goal, as elaborated in the Declaration's 30 articles. It gives people a list of basic needs and reasonable expectations and provides an internationally accepted reference point for victims of human rights violations.

# What it says:

# that everyone

- is born free and equal in dignity and rights.
- has the right to freedom of thought, opinion and expression.
- has the right to work, to health, to education, and has duties to the community.

### that no-one

 shall be held in slavery, subjected to torture or to arbitrary arrest or interference.

### that all

 are equal before the law and entitled to its protection.









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