

The United Nations

Read the text below carefully and use what you have learnt to answer the questions below.

Peace between nations has always been of great importance, which is why the League of Nations was created in 1920. It had a lot of problems, the main one was that not enough nations wanted to join it. The league didn't have the power to stop nations attacking others. Despite its best efforts, war broke out. It was ultimately replaced soon after this.



The United Nations was officially created after World War Two, in 1945. It was created in an effort to maintain peace among the world's nations and to prevent such a devastating conflict from happening again. The United Nations do this by fostering better communication between nations and striving to ensure that none of the member countries resort to force to solve their problems.

There is also a list of rules, or charter, that every country must follow to be considered a part of the United Nations. A country that disobeys these laws could be at risk of punishment or exclusion from the United Nations.

1. What are the two main reasons the League of Nations failed?
 - a. Because it didn't work hard enough.
 - b. Because it didn't have enough member nations.
 - c. Communication methods weren't good.
 - d. It wasn't powerful enough.

2. Why was the League of Nations untimely replaced?
 - a. Because it failed to prevent a world war.
 - b. Because people didn't like the name.
 - c. Because not enough nations were a part of it.



3. When was the United Nations created?
 - a. Before World War Two.
 - b. After World War Two.
 - c. During World War Two.

4. What year did the United Nations official come into being?
 - a. 1920
 - b. 1935
 - c. 1945

5. What is the list of rules that countries must follow to be a part of the United Nations otherwise known as?
 - a. A charter
 - b. The law
 - c. Regulations



A world without the United Nations.

Read the text below carefully and use what you have learnt to answer the questions below.

The United Nations has done a lot of good in the world. Without them a lot of our human rights as we see them today could be under threat. Human rights, in simple terms, are the rights that every human has to live their life as they choose, as long as nothing they want to do goes against a law. You might not have even thought about a lot of these rights.



One such example is the right to an education. Every child should be given the tools they need to succeed in life. An education opens doors to the future and gives countless opportunities.

Another is the right to a fair trial. This right ensures that no one is treated unfairly by the legal system. The lack of this right can have devastating consequences; people could be imprisoned for the wrong reasons.

Even freedom of expression is a human right that needs to be protected. Without it you might not be able to express your own opinions, the government might even try to stop you from doing this. We're lucky to live in a world where our rights are protected.

1. Without the United Nations what could be under threat?
 - a. Our human rights.
 - b. Our pets' rights.
 - c. Our parents' rights.

2. What are human rights?
 - a. The right to do whatever we want to even if it goes against the law.
 - b. The right to do what we want to within the bounds of the law.
 - c. The right to break the law.

3. Why is the right to an education so important?
 - a. It opens doorways for your future.
 - b. It means education is free.
 - c. You can choose not to go to school.

4. What does the right to a fair trial ensure happens?
 - a. No one can get in trouble.
 - b. No one is treated unfairly by the legal system.
 - c. No one is to blame for their actions.

5. Without the right to freedom of expression what couldn't you do?
 - a. Express your own opinions.
 - b. Speak out loud.
 - c. Disagree with people.

6. Why do you think the author included an image with bright colours alongside the text?
 - a. The author ran out of things to write.
 - b. The author likes bright colours.
 - c. The author wanted an image to make the key points stand out.

7. Why are we lucky to live in a world with the United Nations?
 - a. Our human rights are protected.
 - b. Countries always get along.
 - c. Nations never make mistakes.

8. Is the statement, 'We're lucky to live in a world where our rights are protected' a fact of an opinion?
 - a. Fact
 - b. Opinion

9. Which of the human rights mentioned above do you feel is the most important? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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Teaching notes

This history resource is aimed at helping children learn and understand how Britain has been influenced by the wider world and the achievements and follies of mankind.

Answers

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1. They did not have enough member nations.
2. Because they failed to prevent a war.
3. After world war two.
4. 1945
5. A charter

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1. Our human rights.
2. The right to do what we want within the bounds of the law.
3. It opens doorways for your future.
4. No one is treated unfairly by the legal system.
5. Express your own opinions.
6. The author wanted an image to make the key points stand out.
7. Our human rights are protected.
8. An opinion.
9. (Sample answer) I feel that the right to education is the most important because, 'education opens doors to the future and gives countless opportunities'.