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RULE OF LAW EDUCATION

## What is the Rule of Law?

Watch the video explaining the rule of law and fill in the gaps. The video can be found at <https://www.ruleoflaw.org.au/education/videos/ruleoflaw/>

### What is the rule of law and who does it affect?

The rule of law is an abstract concept which is hard to define. The most important concept within the rule of law is that the law applies to everyone \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It can also be used more broadly to support ideas like fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### What is the separation of powers and how does it relate to the rule of law?

The separation of powers requires that the three arms of government are \_\_\_\_\_, and perform \_\_\_\_\_ functions. The \_\_\_\_\_ are the parliament who create the law. The \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the law, and the judiciary who make \_\_\_\_\_ on the law. The separation of powers ensures that all arms of government function \_\_\_\_\_ law.

### How is the Rule of Law Applied to Human Rights?

The rule of law is the underpinning factor for the existence of human rights. The rule of law is seen as being key to maintaining the right to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## How is the rule of law applied to human rights internationally?

The \_\_\_\_\_ mentions that the rule of law is one of its foundations, and the \_\_\_\_\_ uses it as a key determinant in their processes.

## What are the main principles associated with the rule of law?

It is generally agreed that five principles are vital to the operation of the rule of law:

Fairness	The rule of law means the law should apply to everyone, _____.
Rationality	Laws must be able to be _____.
Predictability	Certainty about what the law is, and the outcome for _____ it.
Consistency	Knowing that the law is being applied to all in the same way.
Impartiality	That there is an impartial _____ free from influence by the other arms of government or external forces.

## Where did the rule of law originate?

The concepts we associate with the rule of law can be traced back to the Magna \_\_\_\_\_ (1225), which stated that no person could be punished except under the \_\_\_\_\_. They also can be found in Greek philosopher Aristotle's *Ideas for Good Governance*. The term 'rule of law' can be traced back to the British Professor of English at Oxford University, AV Dicey in 1885.

## Why is the rule of law important?

The key concept in the rule of law is equality and government ruling under the law. A government that is above the law leads to \_\_\_\_\_, or a society not following the law at all leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

Here are the answers in order, but try not peek unless you need to! Equally, fairly, human rights, separation, powers, separate, separate, legislature, executive, administer, judgements, under, life, security, liberty, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, European Court of Human Rights, equally, followed, breaking, judiciary, Carta, law, tyranny, anarchy.