## Five Basic Rights

A "right" is a power or privilege to which a person is entitled, and there are five basic rights guaranteed to you by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

BASIC RIGHT	DESCRIPTION
Freedom of expression	You may freely express your thoughts, ideas and feelings as well as hear and learn about the thoughts, ideas, and feelings of others.
Freedom of religion	You may believe in and practice any religion of your choice. You also have the choice not to believe in and practice any religion at all.
To be treated equally	The government must treat all groups equally regardless of race, sex, or religion.
To be treated fairly	The government must make and enforce laws in a fair and reasonable manner.
To vote	Everyone who is eighteen years or older may vote.

## **DIRECTIONS**

For the basic right assigned to your group, complete the instructions below.

Your assigned basic right:	
Define your assigned basic right in your own words.	
Give examples of your assigned basic right.	
Why is it important to protect this right?	
Is it ever appropriate to limit your assigned basic right? Explain.	

