

# Rights and Freedoms Revision:

## United Nations:

- Created in 1945 after the end of WWII.
- To protect and maintain world peace and cooperation.
- Made up of the General Assembly & the Security Council
  - o Security Council: USA, UK, Russia, China, France
  - o General Assembly: Everyone Else
- Australia was heavily involved in the creation of the UN and the drafting of the Charter.
- Most important document, Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

## Policies against Aboriginal People:

- Protectionism: Aimed to protect Aboriginal people from themselves because they were seen as inferior; In reality, children were removed from their families (stolen generations); They were taught the 'white-mans way' and Christianity; Led to the loss of connection to land, culture, kinship, and sacred spaces.
- Assimilation: To allow Aboriginal people to assimilate if they adopted white culture; Certificate of exemption given to Aboriginal people who had adopted European Culture; Received less pay, no voting rights, loss of culture and tradition.
- Integration: Allowed Aboriginal people to assimilate but could now keep their culture; Allowing expression of Aboriginal culture and promote land rights.
- Self Determination: Allowed for Aboriginal people to determine/control/have a say in issues that directly impacted the Allowed aboriginal people to have more control over their future & cultural expression.
- Reconciliation: Australian government admitting fault in treatment of Aboriginal people; Looked for peaceful co-existence & collaboration in the future; Kevin Rudd apology speech in 2007.

## Aboriginal Activism:

- Freedom Rides
- Tent Embassy
- Day of Mourning; 26<sup>th</sup> January 1938
- Wave hill walk off
- Mabo vs Queensland
- Wick vs Queensland

## Rights Denied:

- Voting Rights
- Land Rights; Terra Nullius / Native Title
- Rights to own children (stolen generation)
- Rights to cultural expression and freedom

## Rights Given:

- Referendum; in 1967 (removed 2 lines from section 51 & 217)
- The right to vote; Electoral Act 1962
- Mabo vs Queensland; land rights