

FINAL TASK

(Optional)

Read the following excerpt from the [*Convention on the Rights of the Child*](#).

The Right to Education

The United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child* is an important agreement by countries who have promised to protect children's rights. The Convention on the Rights of the Child explains who children are, all their rights, and the responsibilities of governments. All the rights are connected, they are all equally important and they cannot be taken away from children.

Access to Education

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible. Discipline in schools should respect children's rights and never use violence.

Aims of Education

Children's education should help them fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences. It should help them to live peacefully and protect the environment.

After completing the exhibit and learning more about the rights of children, consider the impact of education on your own life. Choose one of the following tasks:

1. Write a journal entry reflecting on the **access** to and **aims** of education in your life using the details outlined in the Conventions on the Rights of the Child. Describe the value of education, your experience with education so far and your hopes for the role of education in your future.
2. Record a podcast episode that focuses on the topic of the child's right to education. You are encouraged to "host" different people who can provide a variety of perspectives on the topic, such as students, teachers, principals and other community professionals. Before recording the podcast, you should write a script and discussion questions for your guests. You can record your podcast for free on anchor.fm.
3. In groups of 3-4, discuss the current challenges to children accessing education in the world. As of 2015, the governments of 196 out of 197 countries have adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which features the right to an education. However, as of 2018, [UNESCO](#) determined that there were still 258 million children and youth out of school, worldwide. Research the topic using credible sources and prepare several talking points and questions for discussion with your peers.
4. See the poster below from May 1947. Create a new poster, pamphlet or display board that could be used today to emphasize the importance of the right to an education.

