**Legal Rights: Expository Essay**

**Instructions:** Choose one of the legal rights from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to investigate in an expository essay.

So far, we have focused on Section 10-14 of the Charter. This section of legal rights applies mainly to the rights of an accused person during trial procedures. For this assignment, you may choose any of the legal rights in the Charter of Rights and Freedom (section 7-14).

An expository essay is an essay is a type of essay that requires you to “to investigate an idea, evaluate evidence, expound on the idea, and set forth an argument concerning that idea” (“Expository Essays”). The idea you are investigating is one of the legal rights. Your essay will define the right, and evaluate how it has been applied in Canada. You can expand on that idea by discussing particular legal cases or controversies related to the legal right. Successful essays will include an argument that may analyze the significance, necessity or effect of this legal right.

For further information on the expository essay:

“Expository Essays.” *Purdue Writing Lab*, Purdue University, owl.purdue.edu/owl/general\_writing/academic\_writing/essay\_writing/expository\_essays.html#:~:text=The%20expository%20essay%20is%20a,a%20clear%20and%20concise%20manner.

**Expository Essay Outline**

**Introduction** **Paragraph**

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| **Hook:** (a first sentence to grab the reader’s attention)  **Background Information**   * Brief summary of the topic and key terms (legal rights, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms)   **Thesis**:   * Identify the subject (i.e. your particular legal right*)* * Set forth your argument (statement about the significance, necessity, or effect of the legal right) |

**Body Paragraph 1**

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| **Topic sentence:**  **Evidence:**  *Definition of the right, evaluation of how it is applied in Canada, relevant legal cases or controversies*  **Analysis:**  *Connect evidence to the argument in your thesis.* |

**Body Paragraph 2**

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| **Topic sentence:**  **Evidence:**  *Definition of the right, evaluation of how it is applied in Canada, relevant legal cases or controversies*  **Analysis:**  *Connect evidence to the argument in your thesis.* |

**Body Paragraph 3**

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| **Topic sentence:**  **Evidence:**  *Definition of the right, evaluation of how it is applied in Canada, relevant legal cases or controversies*  **Analysis:**  *Connect evidence to the argument in your thesis.* |

**Conclusion Paragraph**

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| Restate (rewrite) your thesis using different words:  Explain in 2-3 sentences **why** your argument is correct, referring to the evidence in your body paragraphs.  Final concluding sentence: |