Social Studies 10-2

Unit 4: Citizenship in a globalizing world

Quality of life and human rights

The same wage, two different weeks

- Two households in one town take home the same wage after a new export factory opens.
- One household has a nearby clinic, a full school day, clean air on the walk, and a turn to speak before the council vote.
- The other household waits half a day at a crowded clinic, walks through smoky air, and hears about the factory contract after the signatures.

Income and quality of life

- One way to judge quality of life looks at income and treats the dollar figure as the whole story.
- A wider way keeps the dollars and adds health, school, safety, the environment, belonging, and a real chance to speak.
- Human rights belong in that judgment: dignity, food and shelter, and a share in public decisions.

Key terms

quality of life

Quality of life is a judgment about how people live, using income together with health, education, safety, environment, belonging, and political voice.

human rights

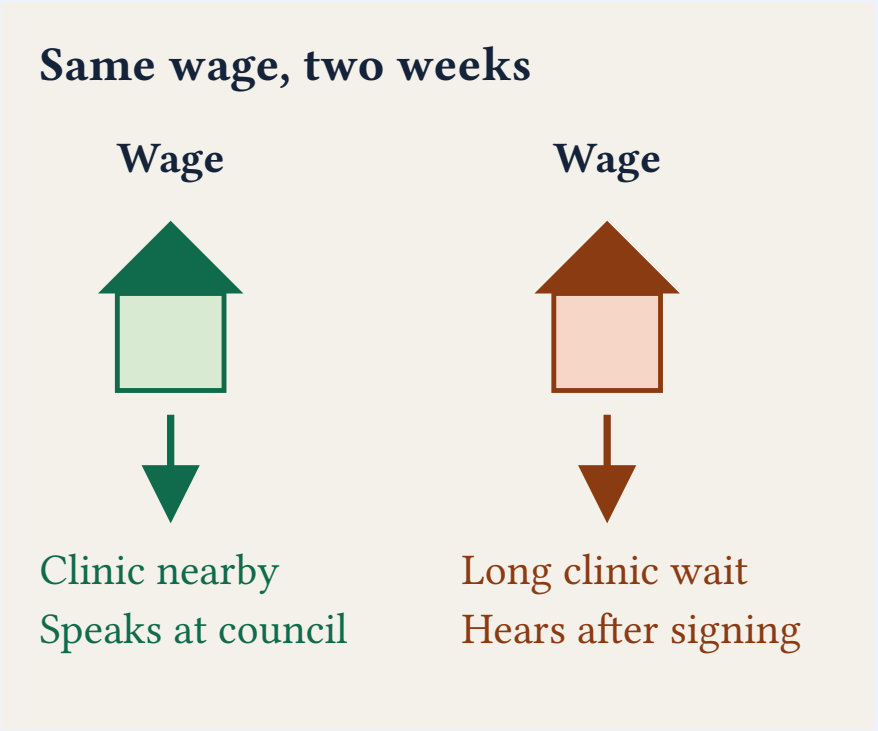
Human rights are public standards of dignity, basic living needs, and participation that apply to every person.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a public United Nations document from 1948 that sets out shared standards for dignity, living conditions, and participation in government.

Two ways to judge a week

- An income reading uses a wage table or a national income rank. The evidence stops at dollars.
- A wider reading uses the clinic, finishing school, street safety, river and air quality, belonging, and a real turn to speak.
- A rights row asks about dignity, food and shelter, and a share in the decision. Each question matches a fact from the factory town.



The factory-town file

- A file on one factory town holds a payroll summary, a clinic wait list, an air quality note, and a council agenda.
- The payroll summary shows wages up for the households the factory hired.
- The agenda shows the contract already signed when residents arrive. The air note shows haze on the school walk.

A new pair of records

- Record A ranks countries by average income and stops at the dollar figure.
- Record B interviews neighbours about clinics, school, evening safety, the river, festivals, and council seats.
- Decide which record matches which understanding, then add one rights question.

Review

- A provincial release celebrates a region because average wages rose, and the release is silent on clinics, schools, air, and hearings.
- From memory, name the understanding that release uses when it celebrates wages and stays silent on clinics, schools, and hearings.
- Add the missing evidence a wider understanding would require, such as clinics, schools, air, and a chance to speak.

Summary

- The income reading judges quality of life by dollars and stops once the wage figure is known.
- The wider reading keeps dollars and adds health, education, safety, the environment, belonging, and political voice.
- The 1948 declaration, in classroom words, asks about dignity, food and shelter, and a share in public decisions.