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"...the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom."

1) In your opinion, what are the origins of "fundamental human rights?"
Why do you believe these are the origins?

2) Suppose you were on the United Nations committee drafting the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights." What specific rights would you want to include for women? Why? Write a brief explanation of why you would include each of these rights.

3) What provisions would you include for enforcement of these rights? Explain your views. In your opinion, should countries that honor these rights, usually the industrialized western nations, intervene to protect the human rights of women in countries where they remain second-class citizens?