

An historic sight of disability

PART ONE

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WORLD ACTS

- « We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal »

Declaration of independence 1776

- Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family

Bill of human rights
United Nations 1948

- Act n° 1: Compare the abstract of the American Declaration of independence of 1776 and The Bill of Human rights signed by the United Nation Members in 1948

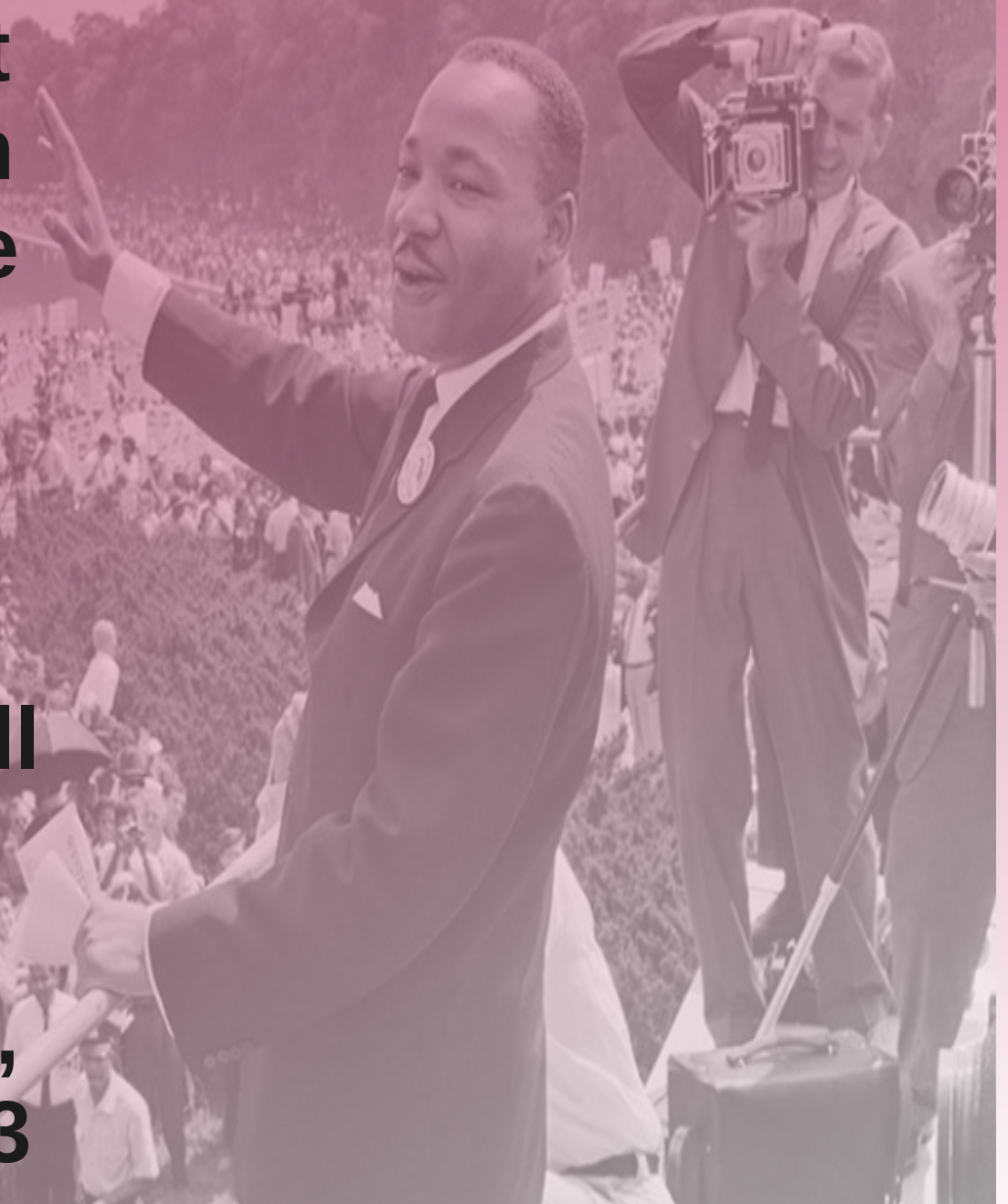
FRENCH CONSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Act n° 1 (bis)
- Explain what the two French constitutional texts have in common
- French constitution 1789
.Les hommes naissent et demeurent libres et égaux en droits
- le Peuple français proclame à nouveau que tout être humain, sans distinction de race, de religion ni de croyance, possède des droits inaliénables et sacrés
Préambule de la constitution française de 1946

Martin Luther King Jr : a struggle for equality

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., August 28, 1963



LEXICAL ACTIVITY : n°2 with the help of a dictionary link the English words with their French translations

- Creed
- Dream
- Truth
- To rise up
- Meaning
- To be created
- struggle
- Être créé
- Rêve
- s'élever
- Signification
- Croyance
- combat
- vérité

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- The diagram shows a matching exercise between English words on the left and French translations on the right. Arrows indicate the following connections:
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 - Dream → Rêve
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Act n° 3: oral activity

- Martin Luther King is sending a message of equality, mentioning the American Bill of Rights.
- Why do you think he needed to ask for equality in the USA in 1963?

Memory of horror : Nazism : a lethal ideology



- Compulsory sterilization and “euthanasia,” like the “Final Solution,” were components of a biomedical vision which imagined a racially and genetically pure and productive society, and embraced unthinkable strategies to eliminate those who did not fit within that vision.

Holocaust memorial museum

Act n°3: describe the picture with the help of the title

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- This photo was provided by the the Holocaust Memorial museum. On this black and white picture I can see numerous rows of graves which testify the horror of the Jewish holocaust during the World War II. It illustrates the explanation of the Nazis Final Solution which aimed at murdering all disabled people.

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In spite of all the official texts and many declarations which promote equality between all kinds of people. Real life is quite different even nowadays . It's time to change mentalities and sights about disabilities.

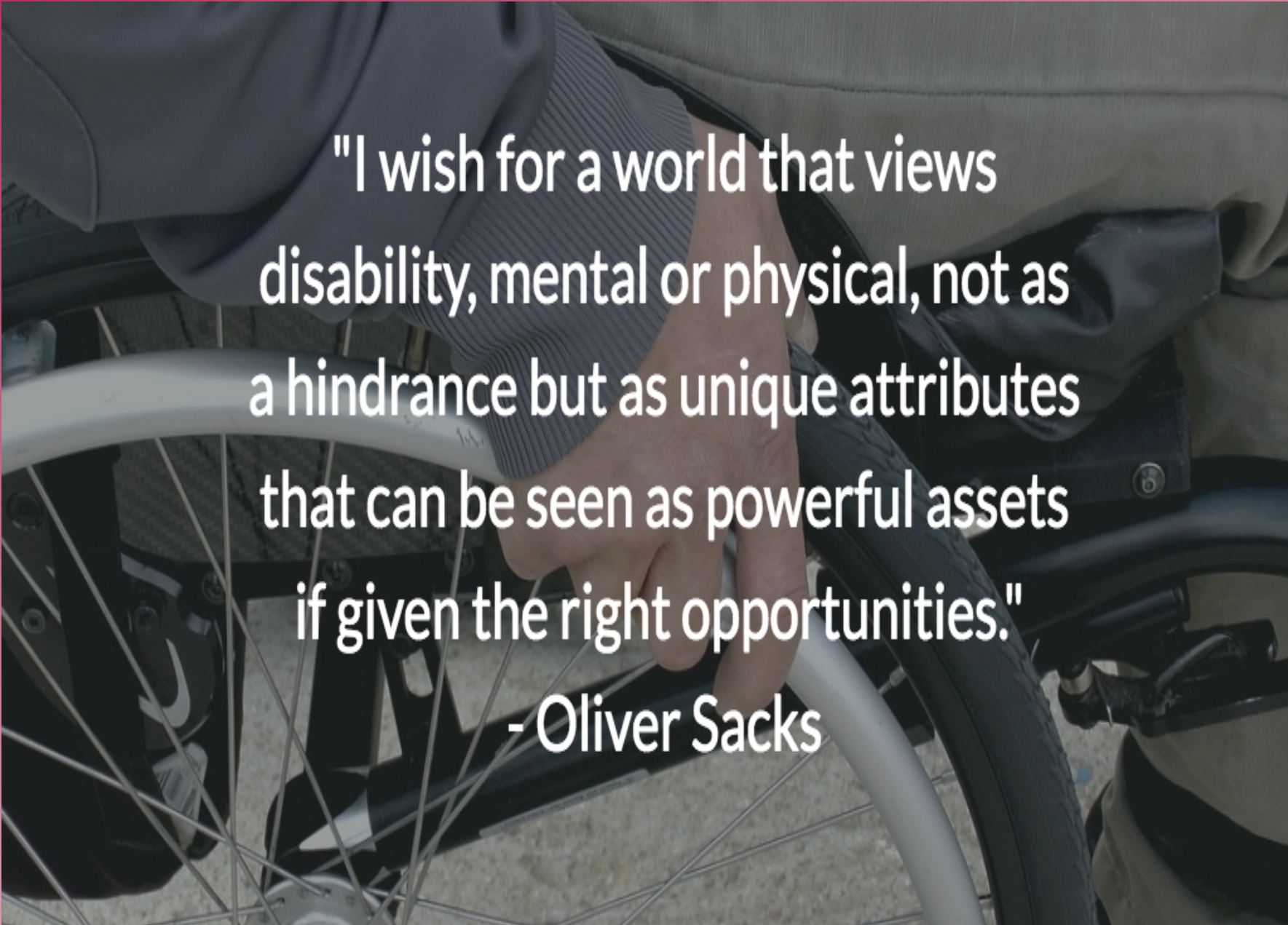
PART TWO

A person in a wheelchair is silhouetted against a bright sunset over a beach. The person is facing away from the camera, looking out at the ocean. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is overlaid on the image.

*Being disabled is
not a tragedy.*

How our society treats disabled
people, that's the tragedy.

Act n° 5: oral activity comment this poster and explain where the real tragedy stands

A close-up photograph of a person's hand resting on the white rim of a wheelchair wheel. The person is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt. The background is a light-colored fabric, likely the wheelchair seat. The image is overlaid with white text.

"I wish for a world that views disability, mental or physical, not as a hindrance but as unique attributes that can be seen as powerful assets if given the right opportunities."

- Oliver Sacks

Act n°6: Reading the definitions of the following words, try to discover their translations

- Disability : the condition of being unable to perform a task or function because of a physical or mental impairment.
- Impairment : the fact of facing a reduction or weakness in strength or quality
- Hindrance : limitation, obstruction
- Attribute : a quality or a property which belongs to a person
- Assets : anything valuable or useful
- Opportunity : anything valuable or useful. A chance or prospect

Act n° 6 : followings: Fill the following grid with the French translations

English words	French translations
Opportunity	
Diability	
Impairment	
Hindrance	
Attribute	
Asset	

It takes unimaginable strength to continually endure, persist & overcome. People with disabilities aren't weak. They're the strongest human beings you'll ever meet.



nationalautism.org

Act n° 7: Find the translation of the following words and observe the way some of them are built.

- Strength
- Weak
- To endure
- A human being
- disability
- Unimaginable
- strong
- To form a negative adjective you put a prefix « un » before the one which has a positive meaning .
- « The strongest » in the superlative form of the adjective « strong »

INTERMEDIATE TASK: Act n° 8: Read these three quotations. Then chose one of them and explain it with your own words (oral or written activity)

You're not disabled by the disabilities you have, you are able by the abilities you have.

Chris Petchius

You are not your
illness. You have
an individual story
to tell. You have a
name, a history, a
personality.

Staying yourself is
part of the battle

JULIAN SEIFTER

**“MANY PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
HAVE ROMANTIC LIVES AND GOOD MARRIAGES
TO PARTNERS WHO SEE PAST THEIR
DISABILITIES AND RECOGNIZE ALL OF THE
THINGS THEY CAN DO.”**

JEANNE PHILLIPS

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All these quotations are true for the most
intelligent man on earth

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN HAWKING



**Professor
Stephen Hawking**

1942 - 2018

STEPHEN HAWKING BIOGRAPHY

Stephen Hawking was born in Oxford, England on January 8th, 1942. He grew up in a highly educated family. Both of his parents had attended Oxford University and his father, Frank, was a medical researcher.

Stephen enjoyed maths and science in school where he earned the nickname "Einstein." He wanted to study maths at university but Oxford didn't have a maths degree at the time so he chose physics and chemistry instead. Stephen found college coursework to be very easy. He enjoyed being a member of the school's boat club as well as classical music. After graduation, he went to Cambridge to study for his PhD.

Hawking meeting President Obama



Hawking during a zero gravity test flight



A CRUEL DISEASE WHICH IMPLIED A COMPLETE PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

While Hawking was working on his PhD at Cambridge University, he began to have health issues. His speech became slurred and he became very clumsy, often dropping items or falling for no reason. After going through a series of tests, doctors discovered that Hawking had a disease called ALS, which impaired his life expectancy.

Overcoming ALS

Although Hawking was initially depressed over his diagnosis, he decided that there were things he wanted to accomplish with his life. He began to study and work harder than ever before. He wanted to earn his PhD before he died. Around the same time, he met and fell in love with a girl named Jane Wilde. Between his work and Jane, Hawking had reasons to live.

Despite the initial grim diagnosis from his doctors, Hawking has lived a full and productive life with the help of science and modern medicine. Although he is confined to a wheelchair and cannot talk, he can communicate using a touch pad computer and a voice synthesizer.

Stephen Hawking 's research

1) Black Holes and Hawking Radiation

Stephen spent much of his academic work researching black holes and space-time theories. He wrote many important articles on the subject and became a world famous expert on relativity and black holes, demonstrating that they emit some radiation. The radiation from black holes has become known as Hawking Radiation.

A Brief History of Time

Stephen also enjoyed writing books. In 1988 he published *A Brief History in Time*. This book covered modern subjects on cosmology such as the big bang and black holes in terms that could be understood by the average reader. The book became very popular selling millions of copies and remaining on the London Sunday Times best-seller list for four years. He had then written many more books including *A Briefer History in Time*, *On the Shoulders of Giants*, and *The Universe in a Nutshell*.

LEXICAL HELP:

- To be slurred: to pronounce words indistinctly
- Clumsy: lacking of skill or physical coordination
- To drop: the act or an instance of falling
- A disease: an illness
- A diagnosis: the identification of diseases from the examination of symptoms
- To overcome: to surmount obstacles
- A wheelchair: special chair with large wheels, for use by invalids
- A black hole: a hypothetical region of space resulting from the gravitational collapse of a star following the exhaustion of its nuclear fuel

Act n°9 : Fill the grid

ENGLISH WORDS	FRENCH TRANSLATIONS
To be slurred	
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wheelchair	
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To overcome	
disease	
Black hole	

Act n°9 : Fill the grid

ENGLISH WORDS	FRENCH TRANSLATIONS
To be slurred	Être mal articulé
To drop	tomber
clumsy	maladroit
wheelchair	Fauteuil roulant
diagnosis	diagnostique
To overcome	surmonter
disease	maladie
Black hole	Trou noir

Act n°10 : Use each word in a sentence (OE/WE)

Most important facts

Interesting Facts about Stephen Hawking

He was born on the 300th anniversary of the death of the famous scientist [Galileo](#).

He has been married twice and has three children.

Stephen has been on several TV shows including *The Simpsons* and the *Big Bang Theory*.

The book *A Brief History of Time* only has one equation, Einstein's famous $E = mc^2$.

Hawking has co-written several children's books with his daughter Lucy including *George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt* and *George and the Big Bang*. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.

He hopes to travel to space one day and has trained with NASA on their zero gravity aircraft

Act n° 10: Comprehension activity : Say if the following statements are true or false

- Both of his parents had attended Cambridge University
- Stephen enjoyed maths and science in school where he earned the nickname "Einstein."
- While Hawking was working on his PhD at Cambridge University, he began to feel the first symptoms of ALS.
- He fell in love with Kate hole and kept on working harder to pass his PhD
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- Hawking was also a best sellers author : R

FINAL TASK : with the help of the interesting facts and the former exercise answers, write a short biography of the most intelligent man of the world