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Breaking Barriers: International Human Rights Laws and Equality

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but an example could be the discrimination faced by ethnic minorities in employment opportunities. International human rights laws could be used to address this issue by advocating for equal employment rights and encouraging the creation of anti-discrimination laws.
2. Answers may vary. Some students may argue that international human rights laws are effective in promoting equality and addressing discrimination by setting clear standards and holding countries accountable. Others may believe that their effectiveness depends on the willingness of countries to implement and enforce these laws.
3. In a world without international human rights laws, there may be less international oversight and accountability for human rights violations. Vulnerable groups may face increased discrimination and inequality, and there may be fewer mechanisms to address these issues on a global scale.
4. International human rights laws aim to create a fair and equal world by prohibiting discrimination, emphasizing equal rights, promoting education and awareness, and providing mechanisms for enforcement. For example, they ensure that everyone, regardless of their background, has the same basic rights and opportunities, ultimately working toward a more just and inclusive society.

