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in the essay make sure to answer the following questions :
Are human rights universal and inalienable? Or ambiguous and controversial?
Is the catalogue of human rights established and finite or is it open-ended?
Are human rights a matter of belief?
Are human rights a good thing?