

Legal and Equality Rights

Read p. 103-108 from *Canadian Civics* and answer the following questions:

1. When is it legal for a police officer to search you?
2. When is it legal for the principal of your school to search you and your belongings? Why?
3. When is it legal to detain people who aren't suspected of committing a crime?
4. Sexual Orientation: What rights and benefits have been guaranteed by the Charter for same sex couples?
5. Disability Rights: How have activists and the Charter improved the lives of disabled persons?

Assignment: Euthanasia (Mercy Killing): The Tracy Latimer Case:

- a. Who was Tracy Latimer and what was her condition?
- b. What did her father, Robert Latimer, do in 1993?
- c. What was Robert Latimer's defence?
- d. What did the Supreme Court rule and why?
- e. If you were a judge, who would you rule in favour of... Robert Latimer or Disabled Activists? Write a paragraph presenting your decision and at least three reasons for your decision.