

Postcard Project

Imagine Parvana managed to escape the war-ridden Afghanistan and make her way to Canada. She recently became a Canadian citizen and was shocked to learn about the rights and freedoms guaranteed to her through the Charter. She decided to take the opportunity to write a postcard back home, describing how life has changed.



- Choose any character from the novel/film you want as a recipient
- Identify a minimum of 3 significant changes in Parvana's life, which directly tie to a right or freedom she was not granted in Afghanistan.
- Use evidence from the novel, combined with knowledge of the Charter, to support the descriptions in your letter.
- Write from first person point of view – try to include as much detail as you can.
- Include an illustration on the front of the postcard that depicts life in Canada for Parvana, as she exercises a right or freedom, she now has access to.

My Dearest Father,

I am writing to you with the understanding that this letter may never actually reach your hands. And yet, I feel it is of great importance to inform you that the sacrifices you made for our family, were not without reward.

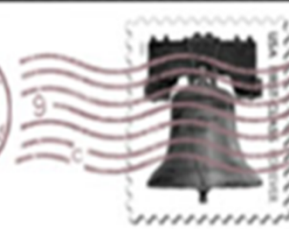
I have made it to the beautiful country of Canada, where democracy is the form of government, and all citizens are guaranteed certain rights and freedoms as protected by the constitution.

Unlike the days where I could not roam the streets of Kabul as a female, I now have equality rights that allow me to live free of discrimination or prejudice due to my gender. Mobility rights also permit me to travel across the border, without fear of the Taliban. I wish you could be here with me, as you never would have been arrested without a formal trial. In Canada, legal rights assume that all people are innocent until proven guilty.

I hope for a day where I can be reunited with my family, but for now I leave word that I am doing well.

All my love,

Parvana



To My Father

Taliban Prison

Kabul, Afghanistan



