Sourcework and Critical Thinking

Human Rights Situation Analysis p.348 #8, 10

Human Rights: The basic rights and freedoms all people should have equal access to, regardless of age, sex, gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, etc.

For each of these situations explain whether or not it would be considered a violation of human rights. (Think about what human rights are.)

Situation	Human Rights Violation? Why or why not?
In an Islamic country, a woman is stoned (killed by having rocks thrown at her) after being accused of having an affair.	•
A woman of a visible minority is refused a university teaching post on the grounds that her qualifications are not enough for the job.	
A Canadian citizen is refused entry back into Canada after visiting Africa because he or she is considered a security threat.	
A gay man is called names as he walks down a Vancouver street.	•
A protest at a trade conference is broken up by the police using tear gas.	•
A qualified man is refused a job because the company says it must give the position to a qualified woman.	

Summarize the achievements of one person who actively supported human rights. Explain what the situation was that they were working to correct/improve. Think about whether there was a specific human right they worked on, a group of people they were trying to help, and what the result of their efforts was.

Choose someone from this list or choose your own person to write about (look them up in the textbook!):

- Canada: Rosemary Brown or John Diefenbaker
- United States: Rosa Parks or Eleanor Roosevelt
- India: Mohandas Gandhi
- South Africa: Nelson Mandela
- Russia: Andrew Sakharov