

**Chapter 1: Changes to the Law** (pp.14-27)

**Change as a Result of Individual Action**

**Challenging Laws in Court**

1. Explain how the Charter can be used to change laws in Canada?

2. How was Dr. Morgentaler able to use the courts to change the abortion law in Canada?

3. a. What disease did Sue Rodriguez have?  
b. Why did she need someone to help her commit suicide?

4. Fill in the blanks:

According to s. 241 of the *Criminal Code*: Every one who

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ a person to commit suicide or

(b) \_\_\_\_\_, whether suicide ensues or not, is guilty of an \_\_\_\_\_ for a term not exceeding \_\_\_\_\_

5. What Did Sue Rodriguez want the British Columbia Supreme Court to do? On what grounds?

6. Explain why the Supreme Court of Canada refused to strike down the law that prohibited assisted suicide. Do you agree with this decision? Why or why not?

7. How were the avenues of change used by Mandela and Riel different from those used by Morgentaler, Rodriguez, and Sauve?

8. Read "Turning Points in the Law" The Introduction of Medicare on pp19-20 and answer Q# 1 and 2.

