

## The First Amendment

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

### Freedom of Expression

**Speech:** the right to say what you want; to talk about your beliefs, ideas, or feelings

**Press:** the right to write and read what you want

**Assembly:** the right to meet with others to talk about what you wish and share your beliefs, ideas, or feelings

**Petition:** the right to ask the government to correct something you think is wrong

\* Expression means the communication of beliefs, ideas or feelings to others. List all the different ways you could express an important message to others.

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\* Is there ever a time when limits must be placed on freedom of expression? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Should There Be Limits on the Freedom of Expression

	Yes or No?	Why?
1. Some people consider writing graffiti on walls and other places a way to express themselves. Should graffiti be allowed?		_____ _____
2. Some people express themselves by wearing certain kinds of T-shirts. Should schools ban certain kinds of T-shirts?		_____ _____
3. People can express themselves by making phone calls. Should prank calls be allowed?		_____ _____
4. Some people express themselves by playing certain kinds of music. Should communities be allowed to pass laws that limit how loud music can be played?		_____ _____
5. Sometimes groups hold views that are unpopular with a lot of people. Should these groups be allowed to give public speeches in a park?		_____ _____
6. Should someone be allowed to publish an ad that says mean things about another person?		_____ _____