

Think, Talk, Create

Student Questions	1. What is the First Amendment to the Constitution? What protections does it grant Americans, specifically when it comes to free speech? 2. In the <i>Constitution Daily</i> blog post, Bomboy explains the parameters of free speech. Explain what those parameters are, and why he also mentions that “free speech rights are not absolute.” 3. In your own words, explain what the Federal Communications Commission is, and identify the FCC’s powers regarding regulation of free speech according to the policies outlined in the blog post.
Student Choice Options	1. Create a poster that highlights what free speech means to you. This can be digital or print. 2. There are many Supreme Court Cases that deal with Free Speech and the First Amendment. Select a case from the National Constitution Center’s Supreme Court Cases Library, read the opinions of the case, and annotate the opinions using our Annotation guide. Then answer the following questions: a. What were the facts of the case and how do they relate to free speech and the First Amendment? b. What did the opinions reveal about the ruling of the case? (Some cases may have majority, dissenting, and/or concurring opinions – select at least one of each when possible) c. To what extent do you agree with the outcome of the case? Support your response with evidence from the opinions of the case and other First Amendment resources. 3. In their common interpretation of the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment, Stone and Volokh outline the types of speech that can be restricted by the government, as well as types of speech that typically cannot be restricted by the government. Read this common interpretation and complete the Consensogram protocol to assess to

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First Amendment Series: Jimmy Kimmel, ABC, and the First Amendment

	what extent you agree or disagree with ABC's suspension of Jimmy Kimmel using evidence from the First Amendment (blog post and common interpretation essay) to support your response.
Beyond the Headlines	<i>We The People</i> Podcast: Can Government Officials Pressure Private Companies and Universities to Restrict Speech? National Constitution Center's First Amendment Gallery: Exhibit exploration and Interactives <i>Constitution 101</i> - Module 10, First Amendment (High School) - Module 10, First Amendment (Middle School) <i>Interactive Constitution</i> - First Amendment - Freedom of Speech and the Press, scholar essays