

## Free Speech: Rights and Limits

*Representation – Making your voice heard / Informing and being informed :*

**George Washington:** "If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

**Benjamin Franklin:** "Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom - and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech."

**Thomas Jefferson:** "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

**Mark Twain:** "It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them."

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|                                | How free is freedom of speech in the United States?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| At the end of the Unit, I will | Deliver a speech in order to defend the 1 <sup>st</sup> opinion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| What documents will be used ?  | <p><b>1- The Right to Speak</b><br/> 1a- 1<sup>st</sup> amendment<br/> 1-b 1<sup>st</sup> amendment illustrated<br/> 1c- freedom of speech hypothetical situation</p> <p><b>2- Making your Voice heard</b><br/> 2a- Emma Gonzalez – March for our lives, 2018<br/> 2b- Colin Kaepernick becomes the face of Nike's Just Do It campaign<br/> The Guardian sport and agencies, <i>The Guardian</i>, 4 September 2018<br/> 2c- Join ICE, Jesse Welles, 2025<br/> 2d- Bad Bunny's Super Bowl halftime show explained Paulina Arana,<br/> <a href="http://www.newsrecord.org">www.newsrecord.org</a>, Feb 13, 2026</p> <p><b>3- Collision</b><br/> 3a- Biden says he supports the right to protest but denounces 'chaos' and hate speech <i>NPR Washington Desk</i>, May 2, 2024<br/> 3b- Trump gag-order controversy during the New York trial. It's clearly American, occurred in May 2024<br/> 3c- The Normalisation of Book Banning, Sabrina Baêta, Tasslyn Magnusson, Madison Markham, Kasey Meehan, Yuliana Tamayo Latorre, Pen America – The Freedom to Write, 2026, <a href="http://pen.org">pen.org</a>, 2026<br/> 3d- Most Challenged Books, 2026, Pen America – The Freedom to Write</p> <p><b>4- Freedom without limits ?</b><br/> 4a- Free the Bird Branco, Flag and Cross.com 2022<br/> 4b- Argentina's national football team held up a banner with this message on July 15, 2026, after defeating England in the World Cup semi-final<br/> 4c- 'QUIET!': Trump viciously berates ANOTHER woman reporter in 'misogynistic' and 'disgusting' attack, MS Now, 19 aout 2026</p> |
| What will I learn about ?      | How individuals and groups use their voices to express opinions, protest, raise awareness, and influence society.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Final Project                  | <b>You will produce a video for the « My Free Speech Case » channel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Instructions for your Final Task :**

- 1- The video will be a individual task that will have to be submitted by all means on D-Day : USB, video link, download link...
- 2- Your video must be between 4 to 6 minutes. No more, no less.
- 3- You must base your video on one of the hypothetical situation of document 1c
- 4- Start by clearly introducing your case : what is the story behind it ?
- 5- consider both side. You must develop at least 3 arguments in total.
- 6- Your personal opinion must be clear : do you think the speech should be protected or limited ? Why ?