

Kid Scoop

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Kid Scoop Together:

Letter to the Editor

The Constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of speech. This freedom makes it possible for all Americans to have their voices heard. It makes it possible for newspapers to report the news without worrying about the government telling them what they can and cannot say.

Look through today's newspaper for information about something in the community that interests you. Write a letter to the editor of this paper. Use the following as a guide for your letter. Rewrite your letter on another sheet of paper and send it to the editor.

Dear Editor,

On _____ (date)
I read in your newspaper

I am glad your reported this story because

I think that _____

It is important for a newspaper to have the freedom to print this report because

Sincerely,
(Your Name)

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write formal letters that show an awareness of the knowledge and interest of the audience and establish a purpose.

What a Character!™

Citizenship is ...



... using your freedom of speech to discuss issues without calling people who disagree with you bad names.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
CRITICIZE

The verb **criticize** means to find problems or mistakes in something someone does.

Lisa began to **criticize** how Sue decorated the cake.

Try to use the word **criticize** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

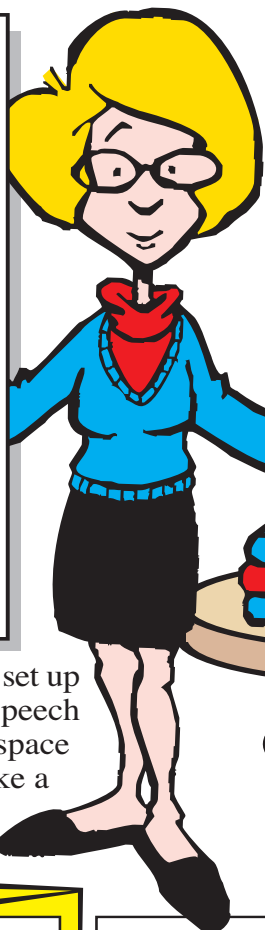
Write On!

Freedom of the Press

Is a free press important? Why or why not? Tell us your opinion.

CONSTITUTION DAY IS SEPT. 17, 2018

U.S. Constitution Protects Free Speech



"Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech"

This year, *Kid Scoop* celebrates Constitution Day with a look at the reasons why freedom of speech is one of the freedoms the Founding Fathers protected in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Jason has written a letter, on the right, to the editor of his newspaper, but something is wrong. The words are out of order. Can you put them back into the right order? Rewrite his letter on another sheet of paper.

Standards Link: Revision: Revise drafts to improve logical progression of ideas.



Kyle is about to give an important speech at his school. But he got so nervous, he dropped some pages. Can you find all 12 pages of his speech on today's *Kid Scoop* page?

Dear Editor,
Scoop! Thank you your paper.
I like to read Kid for putting it in

Sincerely,
Jason

Lively Discussions

The topic of free speech always sparks a lively discussion. Some say there should be limits on free speech. Others say people should be allowed to express whatever they want, even if it hurts or offends someone else.

What do YOU think?

Should students be allowed to wear to school t-shirts that say rude things?

Write a sentence in favor of allowing any kind of t-shirt in one of the speech bubbles at left. Then write why it shouldn't be allowed in the other bubble.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand freedoms guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

Extra! Extra!

Many Forms of Speech

Imagine you have a message you want to get out. Look through today's newspaper. Find and clip examples of ways people communicate. Paste them in the bubbles below.



Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Ask your school librarian to set up a display of books on free speech and the free press. Use the space here to design a poster. Make a larger version of it to display in your school library!



What is Free Speech?

Imagine being put into jail for 26 years because you _____ your government. That happened to Nelson Mandela when he criticized his country's _____ for its policy of apartheid (separating black and white people).

When the _____ colonies were under British rule in the 1700s, a man by the name of John Peter Zenger was brought to trial for _____ a

newspaper that criticized the British government.

The leaders that started the United States of America created the Constitution to _____ people from these kinds of _____. With the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, they established the _____ of both speech and _____, as well as three other freedoms.

Can you find where each "censored" word in this article belongs.

**INJUSTICES
FREEDOM
AMERICAN
PRESS
GOVERNMENT
PUBLISHING
CRITICIZED
PROTECT**

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the purpose of the Constitution.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Place 9 pennies on a flat surface as shown.



Can you move these 9 pennies around to make 3 lines with 4 pennies in each line?



Hint: You will make a new shape!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

FREEDOM
CRITICISM
PRESS
DISCUSSION
CONGRESS
EDITOR
POLICY
TRIAL
ISSUE
LETTER
DISPLAY
LAW
PAPER
SAY
MOVE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

N O I S S U C S I D
L E T T E R S G P R
E G A S S E M I O E
E L A I R T S T L P
V O A G O S I P I A
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M O D E E R F E Y E
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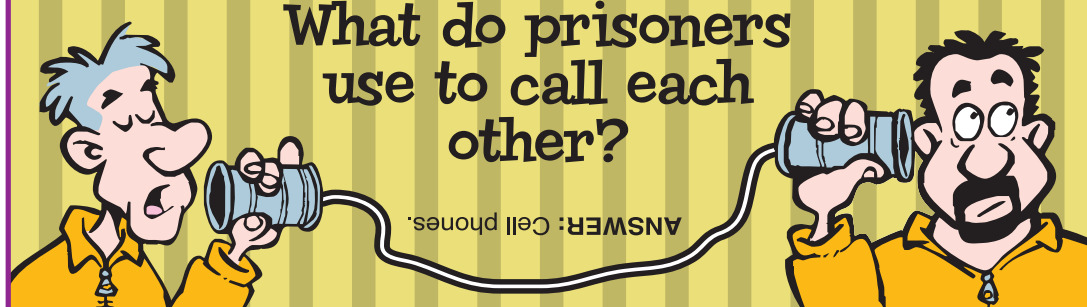
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Constructive Criticism

Look through today's newspaper to find a critical article or editorial. What or who is being criticized? Do you agree with the criticism? Why or why not? What purpose would printing such a piece serve?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Discern main idea and concept, identifying and assessing evidence that supports those ideas.



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