

Suggested Assignments

Look up and define the following terms:

Grievance
Censorship
Abolitionist
Communist
Suffragist
Sedition
Victorian
Espionage

Write a short research paper on the Alien and Sedition Act, the Congressional “gag rule” on antislavery speech, the suffragist movement, the Espionage Act (1917) and Sedition Act (1918), the Smith Act, or McCarthyism.

Review the Supreme Court case of *New York Times v. Sullivan* (1964). Explain the connection between this, Jim Crow, and the protection of free speech.

Read Frederick Douglass’s “A Plea for Free Speech in Boston.” Write a paragraph explaining its relevance today.

Research Frederick Douglass’s role in the Suffragist movement and write a short paper explaining his involvement.