

Suggested Assignments

Look up and define the following terms:

Incites/Incitement
Imminent
Intimidation
Prurient
Presumptively
Defamation
Libel
Slander
Pervasive
Offensive
Contemporary
Fallacies
Avert
Dissent
Parody
Satire

Visit your high school's website and see if you can find any references to free speech, speech codes, or limits on student protests. Document what you find.

Locate, document, and critique an existing campus speech code. (1 page)

Interview your principal, vice principal or a school district administrator about your school's policy on free speech. You may want to submit a list of 3-5 questions beforehand, so that s/he is prepared to respond. Document what you learn.

Visit a few college websites and see if you can locate any references to speech codes or free speech zones. Document what you find.

Visit a college's website and see if you can find a description of their Time, Manner, and Place restrictions on student protests. Document what you find. If you cannot locate these restrictions in writing, you might try contacting a school administrator to see if s/he will send them to you.

Make a list of famous people who have been censored in the 20th-21st century. Document what you find in a few paragraphs.



Write a 1-2 page essay on your personal views of the value of freedom of speech and appropriate restrictions on it.

Review FIRE's Guide to Free Speech on Campus (available [here](#)) and write your own Free Speech code that you would use if you were principal of a high school or president of a college.

Select a famous (or not so famous) freedom of speech court case. (You can find several listed [here](#)). Research the case and write a paper describing the case, summarizing the decision and the reasons for it. Cite your sources.

Review the case of Schenck vs. United States and explain what the concept of falsely crying "fire" in a crowded theater refers to.

Review the [First Amendment Timeline](#), select a Supreme Court Justice who who has been involved in a major Supreme Court Case, and write a 1-2 page paper on this Justice. Cite your sources. Here are some possibilities:

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

Justice Louis Brandeis

Justice Thurgood Marshall

Justice William Brennan

Justice William Douglas