7:2a The First Amendment

First Amendment:



shall Congress make law no respecting establishment of an religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of 8 grievances.

Enormous power conveyed in just 45 words summing up our Constitutional rights in our democratic society. 7:2b Freedom of Religion



Freedom of Religion

•Americans are free to worship —or not to worship—as they wish.

•No government official can dictate if, how, when, where or why we pray.

•The Supreme Court has made it clear that students are not to be coerced at school or school functions to join in any form of religious activity. 7:2c Freedom of Speech

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The First Amendment guarantees that all people will be free to express their opinions, no matter how unpopular those opinions may be. 7:2d Freedom of the Press

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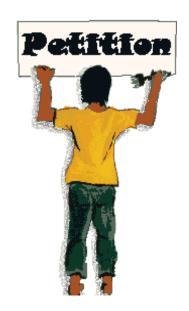
The First Amendment ensures that a free and responsible press will be able to keep the public informed. 7:2e Freedom of Assembly



The First Amendment ensures that citizens will have the right to assemble peaceably, even when they are protesting. 7:2f Freedom to Petition

Freedom to Petition

 The First Amendment gives citizens the right to petition for redress of grievances, whether at the ballot box or through elected representatives.



7:2g The Four Freedoms



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