



First Amendment to the United States Constitution	Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of 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 a redress of grievances.
Goal	The students will comprehend and actively apply their own right to freedom of speech.
Activity	Select a letter from the editorial page of today's Post-Standard that presents a viewpoint with which you disagree. Underline the author's purpose and opinion. Then, list two or more points the author uses to support his/her opinion. Finally, write a rebuttal letter, which you will mail, to the editor for publication. (Check with your local newspaper to see if they accept Letters to the Editor from students before sending the letter in.)
Evaluation	Did the student understand the writer's purpose and points of argument? Did the student appreciate his right to offer a new opinion of the same subject without fear of reprisal?