



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	To demonstrate understanding of freedom of the press as enshrined within the United States Constitution's First Amendment.
Activity	<p>Ask your students to find a story in today's Post-Standard about a controversial event that occurred within your community.</p> <p>Read the story.</p> <p>Identify groups of people or individuals within your community who might not want the story reported.</p> <p>As a class, discuss the free press guarantees of the First Amendment. Do you think they go too far, not far enough, or just far enough with regards to the printed word? Explain your position.</p> <p>What if the story was reported on the radio, television or the Internet — should the same freedoms be extended to the electronic and/or broadcast media? Again, explain your position.</p> <p>Write a short essay titled, "Importance of a Free Press in Today's Society."</p>
Evaluation	Is the student able to adequately explain the free press guarantee of the First Amendment? Is the student able to explain why he/she thinks that the freedoms should be enlarged, restricted or kept as they are?