

Grade	Standards	Writing Prompt
Grade 1	American Heroes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is your favorite American and why?
Grade 2	Our Democratic Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why is it important that the government allows free speech?
Grade 3	Oklahoma Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion (as well as other rights). Choose one of those rights and describe and why it is important.
Grade 4	United States Studies: Regional Geography and History – The Why of Where: Places, Patterns of Settlement, and Global Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you believe is the most important right we have as Americans? Why is it important?
Grade 5	United States Studies: Creating the United States: The Foundation, Formation and Transformation of the American Nation, 1607-1806	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did the Founders of the United States include a Bill of Rights in our Constitution?
Grade 6	World Geography: The Western Hemisphere – The Why of Where: Places, Patterns of Settlement, and Global Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What influence did our separation from England have on the creation of the Bill of Rights?
Grade 7	World Geography: The Eastern Hemisphere: The Why of Where: Places, Patterns of Settlement, and Global Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a country in the Eastern Hemisphere that has a Bill of Rights. Compare that with the United States Bill of Rights.
Grade 8	Creating the United States: The Foundation, Formation, and Transformation of the American Nation, 1754-1877	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Amendment protects five rights. Discuss why each of those rights was included in the First Amendment.
High School	Oklahoma History and Government – The Foundation, Formation, and Transformation of the State of Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare and contrast the 1st Amendment of the Bill of Rights with the similar protections granted by Article 2, Section 22 of the Bill of Rights to the Oklahoma Constitution.

Sociology – Formations and Patterns of Group Behavior

- Choose and discuss a case that had a direct impact on the right of Free Speech. Example cases include Schenck v. U.S., 249 US 47 (1919), NY Times v. Sullivan, 376 US 254 (1964), Tinker v. Des Moines, 393 US 503 (1969), Texas V. Johnson, 491 US 397 (1989) – brief summaries can be found on www.oyez.org (<https://www.oyez.org/>).

United States Government – Freedom for All: Securing Rights and Defining Responsibilities

- What does it mean to petition for governmental redress of grievances, and how is it used in modern society?

United States History – Creating the United States: The American Nation in Transformation, 1878 to the Present

- Should the First Amendment be revised based on advances on technology and our changing society? If so, what changes would you recommend.

World History – Cultural Connections, Turning Points, and Transformation of the World into the Modern Era

- Who does the First Amendment protect and why is that important?

World Human Geography – The Why of Where: Places, Patterns of Settlement, and Global Interactions

- How did the right to peaceably assemble impact the civil rights movement?

Lesson Plans & Other Resources

