

The First Amendment



"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."

First Amendment: addresses the rights of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of petition.

Even though these laws are clearly given to us they come under certain limitations. For example, you have freedom of speech but you can not say something that would endanger people like yelling "FIRE" in a crowded room. Not only is this a bad thing to do but it is illegal. It is also illegal for us to say things about people that are not true. This is known as slander and is also illegal. These limits and regulations placed under the freedoms of the first amendment were meant to protect us and our rights.

Questions:

1. What freedoms does the 1st Amendment give us? List 3.

2. Why are limitations placed under the 1st Amendment?

3. Write an essay on a separate sheet of paper telling how these freedoms are helpful to you as an American.

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Answers:

1. Freedom speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, and freedom of petition.
2. In order to protect our rights.