

## What Freedom of Speech Means to Me

Freedom of speech is the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. This gives me the right to say what I believe and think throughout my daily life. When I think back to the history of famous people and what caused them to be heard or recognized, it's because they had the right to voice their opinion about problems and beliefs.

Freedom of speech has been used throughout history and present times to express opinions about problems in America. Martin Luther King Jr. is a prime example of a man voicing his beliefs about what he thought was right. He used free speech to try and unite an entire nation. King was an admirable example of the use of freedom of speech.

The first amendment covers more than just speaking; it's actions, religions, press, protesting and much more. Many people abuse the first amendment by posting incorrect information or extremely biased articles on social media. With this it causes much anger and confusion about problems in the world.

Everyone everyday uses these rights even if they don't realize it. When you go to church and pray, sing, and gather with others you are using your first amendment rights. Being a woman of America, I am blessed to have the right to speak my mind and voice things about my country and not be accused of breaking laws. We don't think of how much this freedom affects us in our daily lives. I could live in a country that watches everything that is talked about on social media or be heard speaking your mind on political issues and getting into trouble for these very things.

Freedom of speech is more of a privilege than a right. Using it as a tool to voice your opinion in a useful manner is one way to impact the world in the best way. Everyone should use

their freedom of speech to make a difference in the world and make it a better place, not just for ourselves but for the youth of tomorrow.

