



FIRST



2019 CIVIC CALENDAR

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“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.”

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and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.



The New York Times.

WARBURG IS WON, HITCHCOCK THINKS
 Charles Warburg has won the first prize in the annual contest for the best story written by a member of the National Constitution Center's editorial committee.

SECRET CONFERENCE HERE
 Plans for the Disarmament Conference are being discussed here by the "Big Four" nations.

SEVEN VESSELS SEIZED
 The fighting between Austria and Serbia has been intensified by the seizure of seven Austrian vessels in the Adriatic.

UNDERSTANDING THE

FIRST

AMENDMENT

The National Constitution Center is pleased to introduce this year's Civic Calendar, exploring the rights and freedoms protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Over the course of the year, we will examine the history of each clause of this crucial constitutional provision and how the First Amendment is understood today. The calendar coincides with the National Constitution Center's latest initiative to expand understanding of the First Amendment. Interested in joining the conversation? The Center has new lesson plans, educational videos, and more learning material for you on constitutioncenter.org/learn.

These resources are free and will support classroom learning and instruction as you take an in-depth look at the topics introduced in this calendar. We suggest starting off with the *Interactive Constitution* to fully explore the First Amendment. This online platform features essays written by top scholars from across the ideological spectrum. Visit constitutioncenter.org/constitution.



JANUARY

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<p>6</p> <p>In <i>Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier</i> (1988), the Supreme Court rules that school administrators may censor student newspapers to protect the school's academic mission</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Visit our Interactive Constitution for essays from top scholars from across the political spectrum!</p> <p>You can also download our app! Visit constitutioncenter.org/constitution</p>	<p>1</p> <p>President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation (1863)</p> <p>Museum Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Birth of President Richard Nixon (1913)</p> <p>Harvey Milk becomes the first openly gay man to hold elected office in the U.S. (1978)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CLASSROOM EXCHANGES</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Birth of Constitutional Convention delegate and first Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (1757)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Birth of President Millard Fillmore (1800)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Birth of Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)</p> <p>In <i>New Jersey v. T.L.O.</i> (1985) the Supreme Court allows school administrators to search students' belongings if they have a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity</p>	<p>16</p> <p>18th Amendment ratified—prohibits manufacture, sale, and transportation of intoxicating liquors (1919)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Birth of Constitutional Convention delegate Benjamin Franklin (1706)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</p> <p>\$5 ADMISSION</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Birth of President William McKinley (1843)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>20th Amendment ratified—presidential inaugurations move to January (1933)</p> <p>24th Amendment ratified—abolishes poll tax (1964)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Birth of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882)</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>

CIVIC HOLIDAY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

AT THE MUSEUM

- Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. with a moving reading of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, family concerts, educational programs, and craft activities.

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WHAT IS THE

FIRST AMENDMENT?

Let's begin with the First Amendment text:

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The First Amendment outlines many of the freedoms that Americans hold most dear, but where did these ideas come from? What ties them all together? And how do they shape American democracy? The United States founders believed our opinions were the product of reason—the power of the mind to think, understand, and form opinions and judgments—and that this process should NOT be controlled by the government. Instead, we must have the right to think, believe, argue, and worship freely and, in turn, to express our beliefs to our fellow citizens and to our government as freely as possible. That idea—freedom of conscience—is the core of the First Amendment.

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15th Amendment ratified— voting rights cannot be denied on account of race (1870)	16th Amendment ratified— establishes a federal income tax (1913)	Birthdays of Rosa Parks , civil rights pioneer (1913)	Birthdays of President Ronald Reagan (1911)	11th Amendment ratified— affirms states' sovereign immunity (1795)	11th Amendment ratified— affirms states' sovereign immunity (1795)	Birthdays of President William Henry Harrison (1773)	25th Amendment ratified— establishes succession process during presidential disability (1967)	Birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Birthdays of President Ronald Reagan (1911)	Observed birthday of Frederick Douglass , abolitionist leader (1818)	Observed birthday of Frederick Douglass , abolitionist leader (1818)	Observed birthday of President William Henry Harrison (1773)	Observed birthday of President William Henry Harrison (1773)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)	Observed birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809) NAACP founded in New York City (1909)
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CIVIC HOLIDAYS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH & PRESIDENTS DAY

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- African American History Month and free admission on February 18 is generously underwritten by



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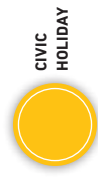
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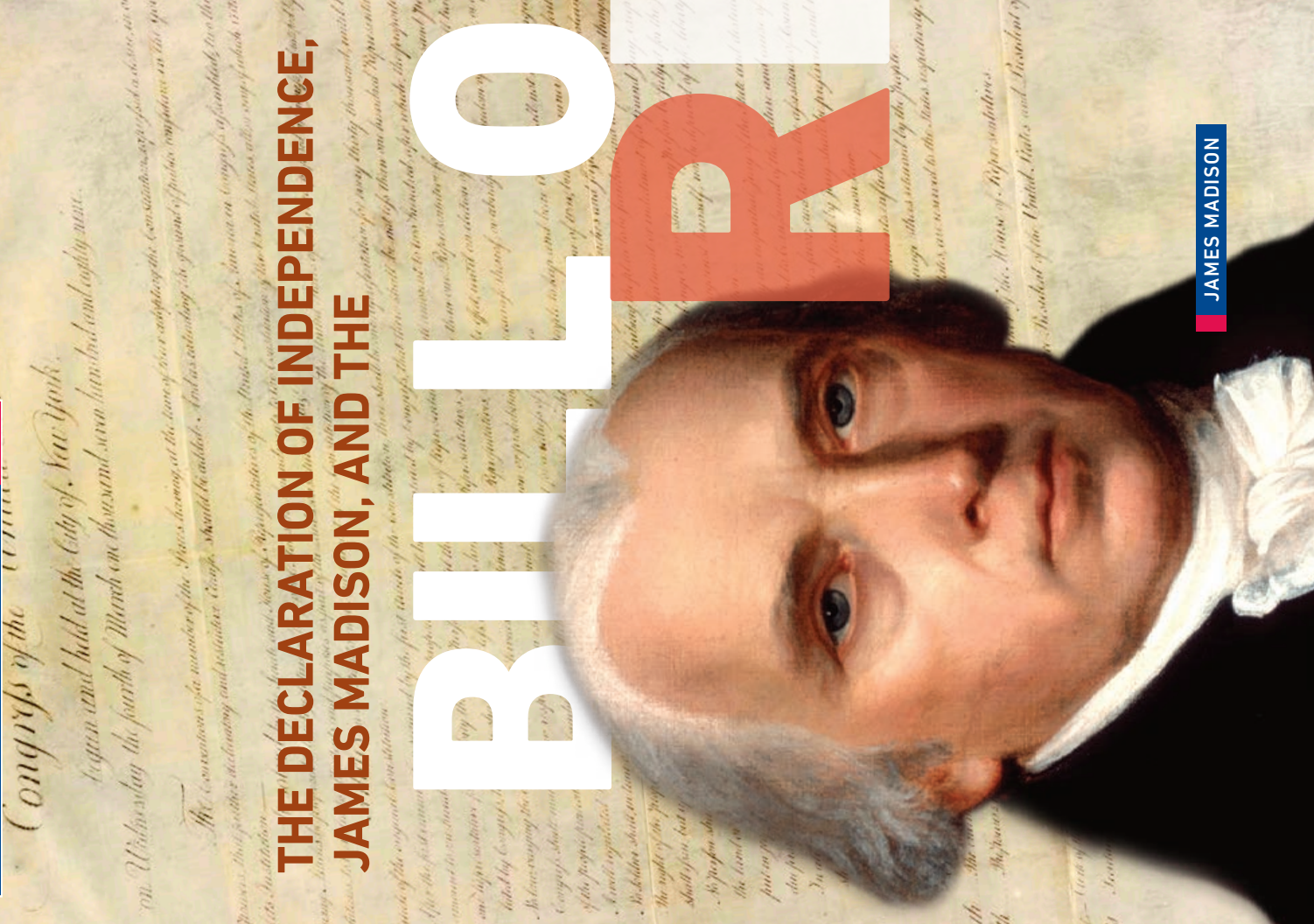
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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, JAMES MADISON, AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The First Amendment's freedoms were among the "self-evident" truths and "unalienable rights" that Thomas Jefferson enshrined in the Declaration of Independence in 1776. But the Declaration of Independence was just that—a declaration—not enforceable law. Prior to the U.S. Constitution, many individual rights were protected in state constitutions and through legislation. For example, both the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776 had provisions protecting religious liberties and free speech. However, the newly established U.S. Constitution listed few individual rights. The United States Founding generation added the Bill of Rights—and, with it, the First Amendment—ratified in 1791. Anti-Federalists strongly criticized the new Constitution because it lacked a Bill of Rights. James Madison set out to answer these critics as a member

of the First Congress, crafting proposals for a Bill of Rights that was built, in large part, on the rights enshrined in state constitutions. The First Amendment emerged from this process. It was designed to protect freedom of conscience, keep communications open and free, and protect our freedoms to think, associate, believe, worship, organize, and speak freely. This amendment ensures that every citizen has a right to speak, to think, to form opinions, and to express judgments about his or her government.

JAMES MADISON

RIGHTS

The First Amendment protects Freedom of Religion. This freedom actually comes in two parts (or two clauses): The Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause. These freedoms are at the core of our freedom of conscience, which is the right to believe what we wish freely.

“CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF..”

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

To understand why this was an essential freedom for the Founding generation, we must remember the early history of the nation. Many early American colonists faced religious oppression in Europe and braved the journey across the Atlantic in hopes of exercising their religious beliefs freely. Support for religious liberty was always very popular among the colonists. By the time the colonists declared independence and, later, the creation of the Constitution, freedom of religion was among the most widely recognized “unalienable rights,” and many states’ bills of rights and judicial decisions protected it in some way.



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<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders his Army of Northern Virginia, leading to the end of the Civil War (1865)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>CLASSROOM EXCHANGES</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>President Abraham Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theatre and dies the next day (1865)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>TAX DAY</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Revolutionary War begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord (1775)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Birthdays of President Thomas Jefferson (1743)</p> <p>Patriots' Day</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>EARTH DAY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Birthdays of President James Buchanan (1791)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>

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The First Amendment protects religious liberty and prevents the government from establishing an official religion. While the Supreme Court's religion cases are often closely divided, the First Amendment does yield some easy—and important—answers that span the ideological spectrum. Congress cannot create an official, government-organized church in the United States. The government cannot stop people from believing freely in a certain religion. The government cannot force people to attend religious services. Government also cannot interfere with a religion's selection of its clergy or religious doctrine. The government is also prohibited from giving benefits to one religion rather than another unless it has a legitimate secular reason for doing so.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

However, many contested areas remain—questions that often divide citizens and Supreme Court justices alike—with strong arguments on both sides. When must a person's religious beliefs or practices yield to a law passed by the elected branches? When may the government display religious symbols, and when is it prohibited? And when may a business refuse service to a client on religious grounds? The First Amendment's Religion Clauses remain a source of inspiration and debate in America today.

TODAY



MAY

CIVIC HOLIDAYS LAW DAY & MEMORIAL DAY

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**CIVIL WAR &
RECONSTRUCTION**
THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

OPENS MAY 9! FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION

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			1 LAW DAY	2	3	4
5	6	7 27th Amendment ratified—delays implementation of congressional pay raises (1992) National Teacher Day	8 Birthday of President Harry Truman (1884)	9	10	11
12	13	14 Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, is established (1607)	15	16	17 In <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> (1954), the Supreme Court rules that segregation of public schools is unconstitutional Massachusetts becomes the first state in the U.S. to allow same-sex marriage (2004)	18
19	20	21	22	23 CLASSROOM EXCHANGES	24	25 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PROGRAMS
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PROGRAMS	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29 Birthday of President John F. Kennedy (1917)	30	31	The Constitutional Convention opens (1787)

AT THE MUSEUM

- On **Law Day**, celebrate the Constitution and the supreme law of the land.
- Explore our newest exhibit on the Civil War and Reconstruction and discover how the holiday we now know as Memorial Day first began in the years after the Civil War.

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- On **Memorial Day** explore the history of our military, join our special programs, including flag ceremonies and etiquette workshops, create memorial wreaths, and sing patriotic tunes.

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MATTHEW LYON

FREES



JOHN ADAMS

“...OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH”

PEECH



THOMAS JEFFERSON

The next freedom listed in the First Amendment is Freedom of Speech. Let's begin with a story...The year is 1798, John Adams was president, and America was on the brink of war with France. The Federalist Congress believed they needed to quickly make the country more secure from foreign spies and domestic traitors, so they passed four new laws—the Alien and Sedition Acts. These acts made it a crime to criticize the government during time of war. If war was declared, it made it possible to arrest, detain, and deport all male citizens of an enemy nation, and it authorized the president to deport any non-citizen suspected of plotting against the government during war or peace. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison fought back. They worked with the Virginia and Kentucky state legislatures to write public resolutions—in other words, statements by each state arguing

MATTHEW LYON a congressman from Vermont, was found guilty under the Alien and Sedition Acts because he published a letter in a newspaper criticizing President Adams. Lyon was jailed for a year but still ran for reelection to Congress from his jail cell, and he won!

that the Alien and Sedition Acts were unconstitutional. Matthew Lyon, a congressman from Vermont, was found guilty under the acts because he published a letter in a newspaper criticizing President Adams. Lyon was jailed for a year but still ran for reelection to Congress from his jail cell, and he won! Adams refused to pardon him. In 1800, Americans made their voice heard and elected Thomas Jefferson to be their next president. The verdict was clear: freedom to express opinions, especially opinions critical of the government, without the fear of punishment, was one of our most cherished rights.

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CIVIC HOLIDAYS FLAG DAY & U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY

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In *Olmstead v. United States* (1928), the Supreme Court rules that private phone conversations may be wiretapped by police and used as evidence

CLASSROOM EXCHANGES

Birthdays of President **George H.W. Bush** (1924) and **John F. Kennedy** (1917). In *Loving v. Virginia* (1967), the Supreme Court invalidates state laws that forbid interracial marriages

In *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966), the Supreme Court rules that police must inform defendants of their constitutional rights

12th Amendment ratified—combines a party's presidential and vice presidential candidates onto one ticket (1804)

Birthdays of President **Donald Trump** (1946) and **Barack Obama** (1961)

The U.S. Constitution is adopted after New Hampshire becomes the ninth state to ratify it (1788). In *Texas v. Johnson* (1989), the Supreme Court rules that burning the United States flag is protected speech

Juneteenth—the abolition of slavery is finally proclaimed in Galveston, Texas (1865)

In *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978), the Supreme Court rules that racial quotas may not be used in college admissions

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is assassinated, sparking World War I (1914)

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The First Amendment protects the people's freedom to speak out about their government without fear of repercussions. Therefore, the government cannot stop people from criticizing a war or arguing for tax cuts. But the First Amendment covers more than the spoken word. It also protects communications through printing, movies, broadcasting, and the internet. The First Amendment also applies to symbolic expressions, such as banners, flag-burning, and armbands. In public schools, as long as the communication is not disruptive, students can express their opinions through speech as well as things like clothing. However, if they are using a school-sponsored platform, such as the school newspaper, students' expression may be more restricted, and courts are more deferential to school officials'

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decisions when related to a course or official curricular activities. Overall, we have the most robust free speech protections in the world, and the government cannot restrict speech unless it's likely to cause imminent violence.

This standard is known as the "Brandenburg" standard, named after the case *Brandenburg v. Ohio*. In that case, the Court reversed the conviction of Ku Klux Klan leader Clarence Brandenburg, who was charged with advocating violence during a speech. The Court ruled that the government can only place a restriction on speech when it is "directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action" and "likely to incite or produce such action."



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JULY

CIVIC HOLIDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY

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<p>7</p> <p>Birthdays of President Gerald Ford (1913)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>14th Amendment ratified—guarantees rights of citizenship and establishes due process (1868)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Birthdays of President John Quincy Adams (1767)</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton is fatally wounded in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr (1804)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Beginning of the Seneca Falls Convention, the first women's rights convention (1848)</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>In <i>United States v. Nixon</i> (1974), the Supreme Court defines limits on the power of the Executive Branch</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>President George H.W. Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Celebrate America's Birthday AT AMERICA'S BIRTHPLACE! Join us for an ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION on Independence Mall</p>		

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The third freedom addresses the Freedom of the Press. Today, “press” usually covers journalists and news outlets. The First Amendment protects the right of these entities to report on government leaders and activities. The United States founders believed that an independent press was essential for preventing corruption within the government. The founders remembered restrictions imposed on them while they were colonists like the Stamp Act—a tax on printed materials—placed on publications by the British government during the decades leading up to the American Revolution. They also remembered the trial of John Peter Zenger,

FREE PRESS

“...OR OF THE PRESS”

who was the printer of *The New York Weekly Journal*. In 1733, Zenger published articles critical of the Royal Governor of New York William Cosby. The paper reported on disputes over Cosby’s salary, and the subsequent replacement of a judge who ruled against Cosby. Governor Cosby fought back, issuing a proclamation condemning *The New York Weekly Journal*, and charging Zenger with libel. After months in jail, Zenger was acquitted, and his landmark case would help lay the groundwork for Freedom of Press in the United States.

THE ZENGER TRIAL



AUGUST

RESOURCES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

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IN THE CLASSROOM

- Enhance your experience: book a **themed museum package** or guided museum tour.

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The Revenue Cutter Service, predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard, is founded (1790) Birthday of President Barack Obama (1961)	The Committee of Detail presents its preliminary draft of the Constitutional Convention (1787) President Lyndon Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965	11	12	13	14	15
19th Amendment ratified—voting rights cannot be denied on account of sex (1920)	18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sensory-Friendly Sunday	Birthday of President William J. Clinton (1946)	Birthday of President Benjamin Harrison (1833)	Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963)	Richard Nixon announces his resignation as president (1974)	Thurgood Marshall is confirmed as the first African-American Supreme Court justice (1967)	Birthday of President Herbert Hoover (1874)

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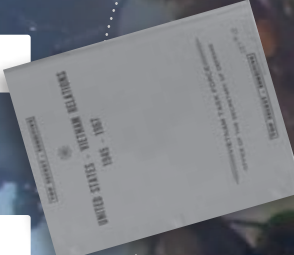
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PENTAGON PAPERS

The Pentagon Papers were reports on the Vietnam War compiled under the direction of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. The Nixon administration tried to stop newspapers—including *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*—from publishing stories about them.



Courts have not always offered robust protection for Freedom of the Press. Until the 1920s, the Supreme Court read the First Amendment narrowly, but it increased protections as the 20th century progressed, with that trend accelerating in the 1960s and 1970s. Perhaps the most famous case during this period was the Pentagon Papers case. The Pentagon Papers were a series of reports compiled in the late 1960s, under the direction of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. They assembled a full history of the Vietnam War. The reports contained evidence that government officials had misled the public about the scope of the war and U.S. actions in Vietnam. When the existence of the Pentagon Papers was

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eventually leaked, the Nixon administration tried to stop newspapers—including *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*—from publishing stories about them. The case—*New York Times Co. v. United States*—made it to the Supreme Court, and the Court sided with the news outlets. Justice Hugo Black explained, “Only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in government.” Today, the legal protection offered by the First Amendment is stronger than ever before in our history.

TODAY

SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY SEPTEMBER 17

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2 LABOR DAY	3 The Treaty of Paris ends the Revolutionary War (1783)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Birthdays of President William H. Taft (1857)	16	17 CONSTITUTION DAY FREE ADMISSION CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION The United States Constitution is signed (1787)	18 U.S. Air Force established (1947)	19 President George Washington publishes his farewell address (1796)	20	21 The Battle of Fort Mifflin inspires Francis Scott Key to write the "Star-Spangled Banner" (1814) Sandra Day O'Connor is confirmed as the first female Supreme Court justice (1981)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation is issued (1862)	29	30				
29	30					



CONSTITUTION DAY
CELEBRATE WITH US!
SEPTEMBER 17
FREE ADMISSION & PROGRAMS

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- Join in a **reading of the Preamble to the Constitution.**

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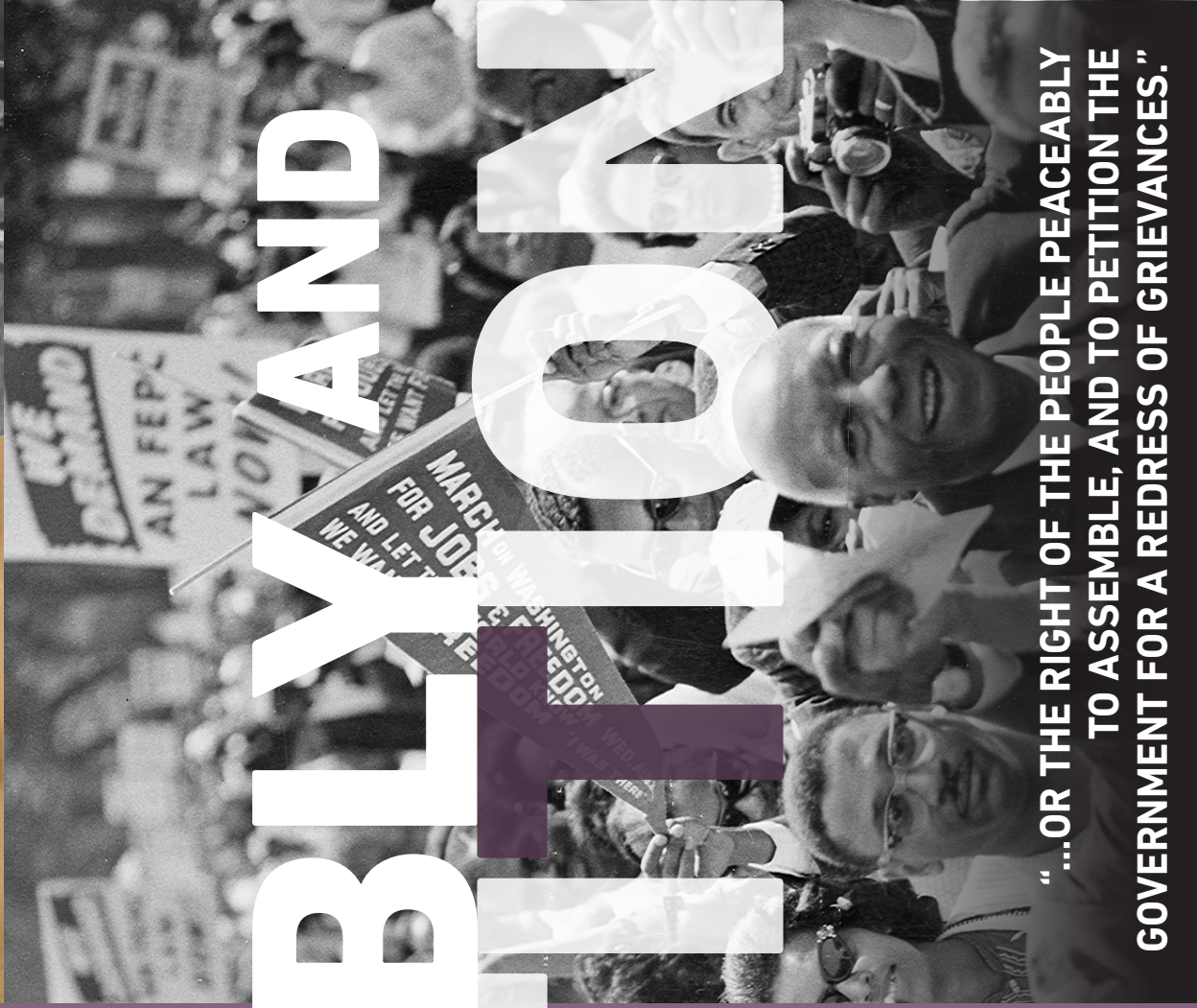
The final two freedoms of the First Amendment are the Rights of Assembly and Petition. Taken together, these rights are a core way of communicating one's beliefs and grievances to those in public office. These rights are among the oldest in the Anglo-American legal tradition. For instance, when the American colonists declared independence from Great Britain, they justified the split by referencing the years of ignored petitions by the colonists to King George III. Throughout history, assembly and petition rights have been especially crucial to groups challenging the status quo. Even when members of these groups couldn't vote or hold office,

they could petition their government and express their views. Think about abolitionists in their struggle against slavery, suffragists during

their decades-long battle for women's voting rights, to say nothing of countless other labor activists, religious minorities, and civil rights groups. Although the First Amendment rights of assembly and petition have been central to America's constitutional story since its founding, they are not often cited in recent Court decisions. Instead, today's Supreme Court treats both as subsumed within an expansive "speech" right, often called "freedom of expression."

ASSEMBLY AND

PETITION



"...OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES."

OCTOBER

JOIN US FOR
SCOUT DAYS

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

AT THE MUSEUM

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4	5
			Birthday of President Jimmy Carter (1924)			Birthday of President Rutherford B. Hayes (1822)	Birthday of President Chester A. Arthur (1829)
6	7		8	9	10	11	12
13	14		15	16	17	18	19
	Columbus Day Birthday of President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890)		National Hispanic Heritage Month ends				
20	21		22	23	24	25	26
			CLASSROOM EXCHANGES				BOY SCOUT DAY
27	28		29	30	31		
First copy of <i>The Federalist Papers</i> is published in support of the newly signed Constitution (1787) Birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt (1858)			Birthday of President John Adams (1735)				

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NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				


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THE 14TH

AMENDMENT AND INCORPORATION

Now that we have examined the freedoms enshrined in the First Amendment, we need to take a look at another amendment to understand how broadly they are covered today. When America's founding generation ratified the Bill of Rights, its protections only applied to state abuses. That means that if your state—say, Pennsylvania—threw you in jail for criticizing its governor, you would not have had a claim under the U.S. Constitution. That is, until the ratification of the 14th Amendment after the Civil War.

With its ratification in 1868, the 14th Amendment extended many key Bill of Rights protections to state abuses. This process of applying the Bill of Rights to the states is known as “incorporation.” Justice Hugo Black studied the Reconstruction era closely and concluded that key Reconstruction framers like John Bingham, one of the principal authors of the 14th Amendment, sought to enforce Bill of Rights protections like free speech and religious liberty against the states. The Court eventually reached nearly the same conclusions, taking a selective, case-by-case approach, and deciding to incorporate each right individually during the 20th century.



RECONSTRUCTION ERA

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NOVEMBER

CIVIC HOLIDAYS ELECTION DAY, VETERANS DAY, & THANKSGIVING

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

DECEMBER		JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	November is National Native American Heritage Month John Adams becomes the first president to move into the White House (1800)	GIRL SCOUT DAY Birthday of President Warren G. Harding (1865) Birthday of President James K. Polk (1795)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
29	30	31						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
U.S. Marine Corps established (1775)		ELECTION DAY						BOY SCOUT DAY
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	VETERANS DAY			CLASSROOM EXCHANGES				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address (1863) Birthday of President James Garfield (1831)			President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas (1963)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Birthday of President Zachary Taylor (1784)				THANKSGIVING DAY	THANKSGIVING WEEKEND PROGRAMS			
				Museum Closed				

AT THE MUSEUM

- On **Veterans Day**, honor those who have served our country with a wreath-laying ceremony, veteran conversations, and musical performances.

- During **Thanksgiving weekend**, explore the history of the holiday and enjoy a cornucopia of fun fall activities.

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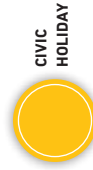
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When it comes to the First Amendment's freedoms, no one said it better than Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis: The Founding generation "believed that freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are means indispensable to the discovery and spread of political truth; that without free speech and assembly discussion would be futile; that with them, discussion

FIRST AMENDMENT

FREE

affords ordinarily adequate protection against the dissemination of noxious doctrine; that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people; that public discussion is a political duty; and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government." Brandeis summed up not only why the Freedom of Expression was essential to the United States founders, but also why the First Amendment remains so dear to Americans today.



SOJOURNER TRUTH

DOMS

DECEMBER

CIVIC HOLIDAY BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

AT THE MUSEUM

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND PROGRAMS	Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama (1955)			Birthdays of President Martin Van Buren (1782) 21st Amendment ratified— repeals the prohibition of alcohol (1933)	13th Amendment ratified— abolishes slavery (1865)	Delaware is the first state to ratify the Constitution (1787)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sensory-Friendly Sunday The U.S. Congress declares war on Japan and enters World War II following the attack on Pearl Harbor (1941)		CLASSROOM EXCHANGES		Pennsylvania ratifies the Constitution by a vote of 45-23, becoming the second state in the Union (1787)		Enhance your visit—book the Bill of Rights Themed Package!
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
BILL OF RIGHTS DAY The Bill of Rights is ratified (1791)	Boston Tea Party (1773)		In <i>Korematsu v. United States</i> (1944), the Supreme Court upholds Japanese American internment. In <i>Katz v. United States</i> (1967), the Supreme Court establishes an individual's "reasonable expectation of privacy" during phone conversations.			Visit our <i>Interactive Constitution</i> for bipartisan, in-depth explainers on the first 10 amendments.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			General George Washington and his troops successfully cross the Delaware River, surprising the British and Hessian forces at Trenton, NJ (1776) Museum Closed			View our online video lesson, Constitution Hall Pass: "The Bill of Rights" to learn about how our first ten amendments took shape. constitutioncenter.org/halypass
29	30	31				Birthdays of President Andrew Johnson (1808)
			JANUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Check the mail for your 2020 Civic Calendar!	

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CIVIC HOLIDAYS ARE GREAT DAYS TO CELEBRATE AT THE MUSEUM OR IN YOUR CLASSROOM

SO WHAT IS A CIVIC HOLIDAY?

- Civic holidays are occasions to commemorate America's history and celebrate our rights and responsibilities as citizens.

INTERACTIVE Constitution

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The *Interactive Constitution* is a **FREE**, online tool that delivers scholarship from top constitutional experts right to your classroom. It allows students to explore the history behind each article, section, and amendment of the U.S. Constitution up to the present day. For each part of the Constitution, a different pair of legal scholars reaches across the partisan divide to co-author a "Common Interpretation" essay explaining the things on which they agree—including historic origins and analysis of relevant Supreme Court opinions. Then, the same scholars write individual "Matters of Debate" essays outlining leading viewpoints across a range of perspectives on how that part of the Constitution can or should be interpreted. The *Interactive Constitution's* nonpartisan foundation and ideologically balanced opinions helps teachers and students to have informed, respectful, up-to-date discussion and debate about the U.S. Constitution.

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The Center is collaborating with the College Board to create the *Interactive Constitution Classroom Edition: The First Amendment*, a set of online resources that will enable educators to teach the First Amendment to students in grades 6 through 12. Through this initiative, the two institutions are ensuring that all American high school students graduate with a knowledge of the basic principles of the First Amendment and the freedoms it protects.

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