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The Constitution and You

In this week's *Scholastic News*, you read about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is 10 Amendments, or changes, that were added to the Constitution in 1791. Below is the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It states that Americans have certain freedoms, such as freedom of speech. Read the First Amendment. Then, on the lines below, explain where you see the Amendment in your everyday life. For example, by reading this issue of *Scholastic News*, you are seeing freedom of the press in action.



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.



Dictionary

- **abridging:** reducing
- **assemble:** to gather together in one place
- **grievances:** complaints
- **petition:** request something from those in power
- **prohibiting:** stopping or banning something officially
- **redress:** correction
- **respecting:** having to do with; about
