



Words of Liberty

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Teaching tips / Lesson plan

1. Choose selected “Words of Liberty” from the list below. Enlarge each one fit on a single piece of paper and display them in the classroom.
 - a. Have a student read one of the sayings aloud and offer his/her interpretation of it. Students could do a 10-minute free-writing assignment and share what they write with a partner or in small groups.
 - b. Teacher chooses a saying, reads it aloud and interprets what it means to him or her; then poses questions (e.g., What could have happened to prompt the source to say that? Is the quote applicable to life today?) Students could do a 10-minute writing assignment.
2. Print several “Words of Liberty” sayings on single sheets of paper. Have students choose the one to which they are most attracted, and explain why. Students could do a 10-minute writing assignment to share in small groups.

Words of Liberty

1. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion. — First Amendment
2. Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free expression of religion. — First Amendment
3. Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of the press. — First Amendment
4. Congress shall make no law abridging the right of the people to peacefully assemble to petition the government for a redress of grievances. — First Amendment
5. A well-regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state. — Second Amendment
6. The right of the people to bear arms shall not be infringed. — Second Amendment
7. No soldier shall in times of peace be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner. — Third Amendment
8. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated. — Fourth Amendment
9. No Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. — Fourth Amendment
10. No person shall be...deprived of life...without due process of law. — Fifth Amendment

11. No person shall be...deprived of...liberty...without due process of law. — Fifth Amendment
12. No person shall be...deprived of...property...without due process of the law. — Fifth Amendment
13. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment be inflicted. — Eighth Amendment
14. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, ... shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. — Thirteenth Amendment
15. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. — Fourteenth Amendment
16. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever. — John Adams
17. A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government. — Edward Abby
18. It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's hearts. — Samuel Adams
19. Death is better, a milder fate than tyranny. — Aeschylus
20. Liberty is always unfinished business. — ACLU
21. Nobody can be exactly like me. Even I have trouble doing it. — Tallulah Bankhead
22. We trust Americans to recognize propaganda and misinformation and to make their own decisions about what they read and believe. — American Library Association
23. What's right with America is a willingness to discuss what's wrong with America. — Harry C Bauer
24. To educate a man is to unfit him to be a slave. — Frederick Douglass
25. Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. — Albert Einstein
26. Make yourselves sheep and the wolves will eat you. — Benjamin Franklin
27. Political correctness is simply tyranny with manners. — Charlton Heston
28. There can be no freedom without the freedom to fail. — Eric Hoffer
29. A government that is big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take it all away. — Barry Goldwater
30. Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better. — Albert Camus
31. The greater the power the more dangerous the abuse. — Edmund Burke

32. Patterning your life around others' opinions is nothing more than slavery. — Lawana Blackwell
33. A free man is the one who does not fear to go to the end of his thought. — Leon Blum
34. Soon it will be possible to assert almost continuous surveillance over every citizen and maintain up-to-date files containing even the most personal information about the citizen. — Zbigniew Brezhinsky
35. All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. — Edmund Burke
36. A society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves. — Bertrard De Jouvenel
37. It is better, as the Fourth Amendment teaches us, that the guilty sometimes go free than the citizens be subject to easy arrest. — Justice William O Douglas