

## Liberty Debate Answer Key

### Example - Topic 1: Freedom of Speech

- Related Amendment: First Amendment
- For Limiting: Schools must protect students from bullying and harmful posts.
- Against Limiting: Freedom of speech protects personal opinions, even online.
- Reflection Sample: "I still believe students should be responsible for their words, but schools shouldn't control everything posted outside of class."

### Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Encourage civic reasoning, respectful discourse, and evidence-based argumentation about core constitutional principles.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - *Younger or developing debaters:* Provide sentence starters ("I believe... because...").
  - *Advanced students:* Require citation of a specific amendment or landmark Supreme Court case.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Set up a "Constitutional Court" format where students serve as justices deciding the issue.
  - Allow pairs to research real-world examples supporting their side before the debate.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Assign reflective essays comparing the classroom debate to actual constitutional debates in history.
  - Integrate civics and media literacy by analyzing how these issues appear in current news.