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How the U.S. Constitution is Important to Me.

I had a dream, a dream to live with freedom of speech. Have you ever considered how freedom of speech is important to you? It is very important to me, and here's why. The U.S. Constitution was made on September 17, 1787, and provided all of the rights that we practice as citizens today. The U.S. Constitution was made up of four main parts, the bill of rights which is the first ten Amendments. The preamble, the seven articles, and the 27 Amendments. You exercise your rights every day, maybe without even knowing it. For example, the shirt you wore is a great example of freedom of speech. The first Amendment provided this right, and by wearing that shirt you exercised it. Without the First Amendment, we would not be able to voice our opinions. I am a very vocal person, and that's what makes me special. I like to tell people what I am thinking. I like to tell people when I agree or disagree. This is what makes me thankful for the constitution and the First Amendment.

Freedom of speech is important to me because I am a very big believer in freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is the main reason why the United States is different from a communist country. This Amendment allows us to have a free exercise clause, which is the option to choose our religion, and what I believe in. This sets us apart from other countries that use the Establishment clause, in which the government chooses your religion, and what you believe in. I believe that having a choice in what you believe in is one of the most important things in life. To choose right, or wrong, or what you want to be. This is true freedom. I have been a Catholic

since birth, I go to a small church in East Helena. I can do this because of the 1st Amendment. There I socialize and worship how I want to with people. Many people have different religions, beliefs, and morals. That's why this amendment is so cool to me because everyone can be different from another.

Another reason why the freedom of speech is important to me is that I am a big believer in freedom of speech, the right to protest, and petition. This is another right that most countries do not get. With this right, you get to voice your opinion on a matter. This could be on a law that passed, the election or anything you think should not stand. This country is built on voices and opinions, and with this, you can establish your opinion peacefully. Petitioning is also a big one in the First Amendment, this allows you to peacefully sign a document, or people try to get you to sign a document regarding a particular case. I think the right to disagree with the government is a huge freedom. To be able to talk about the faults and try to rebuild the country from there is huge. I don't like Joe Biden and his policies, but that is ok because that is my opinion to voice to the world, however if other people like him that is there opinion. Neither of these opinions are right or wrong. In fact, I was thinking of maybe even being a lawyer someday, and going to law school. I would want to become a corporate lawyer that can defend, and provide somebody their rights. I feel obligated to help people even if I don't go to law school I am also looking at medical school because I love helping people. To be able to save somebody's life in the medical field, or to save somebody financially is the dream. All of these dreams revolve around the 1st Amendment, and that is another reason why the freedom of speech is important to me.

The right to assembly can arguably be one of the best parts of freedom of speech. I have been to assemblies my entire life. I can still remember going to assemblies when I was little on respect or bullying. The right to assembly is used every day throughout the U.S. I have recently

been volunteering at the animal shelter on Saturdays gathering with many people trying to provide animals with all the needs that they require before they are adopted. This makes me feel proud and makes the day better. I would not be able to do this without the right to assemble. You wouldn't even be able to hold charity events or host parties. Could you imagine a life without parties, I for one couldn't. I love to party responsibly with my friends on the weekends or at school events. This makes me more productive the next day and makes me feel like I am a part of something. This is another reason why freedom of speech is important to me.

Lastly why the freedom of speech is important to me is the right to press. The right to press can include many things such as a short children's story, all the way up to full novels. These can be fiction, opinionated, or even non-fiction. I love reading books no matter the genre, even though in my opinion fairy tale fiction is the best. But the right to press can be more than this, look at your local newspaper or if you ever read a newspaper. That company is exercising its right to press.

In conclusion, freedom of speech is important to me, because of all the opportunities you have because of it. The freedom of speech, the right to assemble, the freedom of religion, the right to petition the government, and the freedom of the press are all important to me and the world. To be able to express yourself freely and show who you are to the world used to be a dream, but that dream is a reality thanks to the U.S. constitution. All of the U.S. soldiers who fought and died so we could have these freedoms, I thank you. With that think to yourself how can I be a good citizen, and how can these rights help me through life?