

Freedom Matters exhibit

George W. Bush Presidential Museum, 2024-2025

Title: *Freedom Matters* exhibit 2024-2025, George W. Bush Presidential Museum

Summary: *Freedom Matters* uses historical documents and personal perspectives to examine the concept of freedom – its origins, its meanings, what free societies look like, and the role of the individual in protecting and spreading freedom around the world. It also uses primary source documents to examine the American experiment – highlighting times when freedom has expanded and contracted for individuals and groups in the United States.

Rationale: Freedom expands and contracts to reach and exclude individuals and groups based on political, economic and personal experiences.

Guiding question: How has freedom evolved from democracy's early roots in Greece to today's America for individuals and groups?

Recommended grade levels: 9-12

Courses: World Geography Studies, World History Studies, U.S. History Since 1877, United States Government, Economics With Emphasis on Free Enterprise

Time required: 1 hour

Featured documents:

- Grade 9 (World Geography): the Declaration of Independence, *The Federalist Papers*, the U.S. Constitution, the Journal of First Senate Session
- Grade 10 (World History): works of John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the Magna Carta and Old English statutes, the Declaration of Independence, *The Federalist Papers*, the U.S. Constitution, the Journal of First Senate Session
- Grade 11 (U.S History since 1877): Works of John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the Magna Carta and Old English statutes, the Declaration of Independence, *The Federalist Papers*, the U.S. Constitution, the Journal of First Senate Session, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, *The Revolution* newspaper, Japanese internment papers, Martin Luther King, Jr. books and letter, Americans With Disabilities Act speech cards, kiosk participation
- Grade 12 (Government): Works of John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the Magna Carta and Old English statutes, the Declaration of Independence, *The Federalist Papers*, the U.S. Constitution, the Journal of First Senate Session, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, *The Revolution*, Japanese internment, Martin Luther King, Jr. books and letter, Americans With Disabilities Act speech cards, kiosk participation
- Grade 12 (Economics): The Magna Carta and Old English statutes, the Journal of First Senate Session, *The Revolution* newspaper, Japanese internment papers, Americans With Disabilities Act speech cards

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- Grade 9 (World Geography): Greece voting and democracy, authoritarian rule,
- Grade 10 (World History): Greece voting and democracy, authoritarian rule, and kiosk participation

[TEKS: Specific to the *Freedom Matters* exhibit

- Grade 9 (World Geography): 14.B, 17.C
- Grade 10 (World History): 1.E, 3.A, 4.B, 9.A, 9.C, 18.A, 18.B 19.A 19.B, 19.C, 20.B, 21.A, 21.B, 21.F, 23.A, 24.B, 26.C
- Grade 11 (U.S. History Since 1877): 1A, 1.C, 3.A, 3.C, 5.A, 5.B, 6.A, 7.C, 9.A, 9.B, 9.C, 9.D, 9.E, 9.F, 9.G, 9.I, 9.J, 17.D, 20.B, 22.A, 22.B, 22.C
- Grade 12 (Government): 1.A, 1.B, 1.C, 1.D, 1.E, 1.F, 6.A, 6.B, 6.C, 6.D, 6.E, 6.F, 8.A, 11.A, 12.A, 12.B, 12.C, 12.F, 12.G, 13.A, 13.B, 15.A, 15.B, 16.A, 16.B
- Grade 12 (Economics and Free Enterprise): 1.A, 1.B, 1.C, 4.A, 4.B, 5.A, 5.B, 6.B, 8.A, 13.A]

Vocabulary:

- Grade 9 (World Geography): *democracy, monarchy, republic*
- Grade 10 (World History): *feudalism, Enlightenment, separation of powers, checks and balances, liberty, democracy, popular sovereignty, constitutionalism, nationalism, radical Islamic terrorism, socialism, monarchy, republic, limited monarchy, civic participation, trial by jury of peers, innocent until proven guilty, equality before the law*
- Grade 11 (U.S. History Since 1877): *eugenics, nativism, Navajo Code Talkers, immigration quotas, affirmative action, nonviolent protests, litigation, civic responsibility*
- Grade 12 (Government): *Laws of nature, unalienable rights, divine right of kings, social contract, illegitimate government, Founding Fathers, written constitution, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, individual rights, amendment process, legislative, executive, judicial branch, judicial review, monarchy, direct democracy, theocracy, due process, civic responsibility, affirmative action*
- Grade 12 (Economics and Free Enterprise): *land, labor, capital, entrepreneurship, property rights, socialism, free enterprise, competition*

Learning activities:

- Lesson Plan Grade 9 (World Geography)
- Lesson Plan Grade 10 (World History)
- Lesson Plan Grade 11 (U.S. History Since 1877)
- Lesson Plan Grade 12 (Government)
- Lesson Plan Grade 12 (Economics and Free Enterprise)

Additional resources:

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Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation, the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Amendments, Executive Order 9066, Martin Luther King, Jr. books and speeches