

# THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Table Talk

## PREREADING

1. What do we do before reading complex text?
  - a. Consider genre. What do we know about a historical document written in 1789? List characteristics:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Consider authors and audience. For whom was the document written? For what purpose?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What do you already know about the First Amendment?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. What do you want to know about the First Amendment?

## READ THE DOCUMENT

2. Considering parallelism, try boxing in the five different freedoms the First Amendment addresses.
  
3. What phrase is left at the beginning (before the five freedoms), that applies to all?

What does that phrase **mean**?

# Congress shall make no law...

Freedom of	Vocabulary	Partner A) Meaning/Gist Partner B) Twitter feed ideas (140 characters)

# THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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.