

Journalism - First Amendment and Watchdog Role Quiz

Name: _____ Section _____

Directions: Today's quiz is designed to assess your knowledge of the 1st Amendment to United States Constitution and your ability to explain how journalism uses its protections to play the vital role of "watchdog" in our democracy. **Answer each question using full and complete sentences.**

1. In a general sense, what right does the 1st Amendment protect?

2. Specifically, what are the five distinct protections that the 1st Amendment gives to U.S. citizens? List each protection and explain why each is important to a thriving democracy.

2A. _____

2B. _____

2C. _____

2D. _____

2E. _____

3. Explain two exceptions to the protections provided under the 1st Amendment.

3A. _____

3B. _____

4. Explain how journalism plays the “watchdog” in role in the U.S. democracy?

5. Describe how our democracy would suffer if the United States did not have the protections provided in the 1st Amendment?

