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Hello everyone!

The topic for our class today is: **Freedom of Speech**

Many thanks to our classmate **Priscila** for choosing today's topic and providing content for our conversations.



AGENDA:

1) Review Vocabulary

2) Watch video: "Should Hate Speech Be Protected as Free Speech?"
KQED, an NPR and PBS affiliate in San Francisco, CA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_fYFSX5A44



3) Questions for discussion – small group breakout rooms

4) Wrap-up – large group



Vocabulary:

1. **freedom of speech** - the right of a person to articulate opinions and ideas without interference or retaliation from the government.
2. **freedom of the press** - or freedom of the media is the fundamental principle that communication and expression through various media, including printed and electronic media, especially published materials, should be considered a right to be exercised freely.
3. ***free for all*** - a violent situation or argument that a lot of people join in.
4. **free of charges** - without having to pay.
5. ***free spirit*** – a person who does what they want with enjoyment and pleasure and does not feel limited by the usual rules of social behavior.

Vocabulary:

6. **free lunch** - something you get free that you usually have to work or pay for.
7. **free ride** – an opportunity or advantage that someone gets without having done anything to deserve it.
8. **free will** – the ability to decide what to do independently of any outside influence.
9. **free as a bird** – completely free to do as you want.
10. **scot-free** – without receiving the deserved or expected punishment or without being harmed.
11. **free hand** – the right or authority to do anything you consider necessary.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Does freedom of speech mean the same to everyone? Why or why not?
2. Does freedom of speech improve a society? If so, how?
3. Should there be some limits on what we are free to say?
4. *“The best way to learn something is to talk to people you disagree with”* –do you agree?
5. What do you know about freedom of speech in other cultures (than the U.S)?
6. What speech is not protected in the U.S. (by the First Amendment)?
7. Does the Internet open up the possibilities of totally free speech and freedom of expression?
8. What responsibilities do social media companies have regarding free speech?