

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: BOOK BANNING

Gale In Context: High School

Directions: Use *Gale In Context: High School* to find answers to the following questions about **Book Banning**. Write your answers and sources in the spaces provided.

To answer these questions, use the **Banned Books Topic Page**. From the homepage, click **Browse Topics** and open the **Topic Page** titled **Banned Books**.

1 Read the **Overview** by selecting the **Read More** button towards the top of the page. When and where were the first American book burnings?

Answer:

Source:

2 Select the **Primary Source** “The Freedom to Read (1953)”. What reasoning do they give to back up their statement that “The freedom to read is essential to our democracy”? Do you think this document is still relevant today? Why or why not?

Answer One:

Answer Two and Three:

Source:

3 Select a **News Report** under the **News** section that caught your attention. What is it talking about? How does it make you feel? Write an alternative title for the piece based on what you read.

Answer One:

Answer Two:

Answer Three:

Source:

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Select the **Case Overview** “Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education v. Pico (1982)”. What was decided in this case? Do you agree with the decision? Why or why not?

Answer One:

Answer Two and Three:

Source:

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Scroll to the bottom of the **Topic Page** and choose a related book. What is the book? Why was it banned or censored?

Answer One:

Answer Two:

Source:

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Answer: The first American book burnings were in Massachusetts in 1650.

Source: Banned Books. (2022). In *Gale In Context Online Collection*. Gale. <https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/ACETGP296253233/SUIC?>

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Answer One: The censorship of books is against the First Amendment, and they are seen as an instrument of freedom. They believe that “free communication is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture”.

Answer Two and Three: Answers will vary.

Source: Association, A. L. (1999). The Freedom to Read (1953). In *American Journey. Civil Rights in America*. Primary Source Media. <https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/EJ2163000043/SUIC?>

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Answer One: Answers will vary.

Answer Two: Answers will vary.

Answer Three: Answers will vary.

Source: Sources will vary.

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Answer One: Removing books or public school libraries because of their political or social ideas violates the freedom of speech.

Answer Two and Three: Answers will vary.

Source: Brannen, D. E., Jr., Hanes, R. C., & Valentine, R. (2011). Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education v. Pico (1982). In L. W. Baker (Ed.), *Supreme Court Drama: Cases That Changed America* (2nd ed., Vol. 1, pp. 223-227). UXL. <https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/CX1929200056/SUIC?>

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Source: Sources will vary.