

Resource Sheet #8

## Questions For Freedom Of Speech Cases

### **Freedom of Speech Case: *Minersville School District v. Gobitis (sic)***

Directions: Locate your foldable “USA Balance Of Power.” Using the inside blank flap, answer the following questions. All of your class work activities will help.

1. What part of government required Billy to pledge allegiance to the flag?
2. The Watchtower Society of the Jehovah's Witnesses sued on behalf of Billy and his sister. What part of government agreed to hear this lawsuit?
3. In what document do you find the right to freedom of speech?
4. What was the final decision in this lawsuit? Consider what is meant by freedom of speech by re-reading the First Amendment. Explain why you think this decision was made.
5. Why do we say that there is a balance of power in the American government?

### **Freedom of Speech Case: Political Cartoons**

Directions: Locate your foldable “USSR Authoritarian Government.” Using the inside blank flap, answer the following questions. All of your classwork activities will help.

1. What part of government wanted the Russian people to have free speech?
2. What part of government wanted to stop political cartoonists and punish them?
3. Why didn't the political cartoonists sue for the right to continue creating cartoons?
4. Why is this form of government called authoritarian?