#### **Step One:**

Read the Bill of Rights (1st Amendment) below. Also, read the American Library Association Statement at the link below.

##### 1st Amendment to the Bill of Rights/ U.S. Constitution

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.

[American Library Association's (ALA) "Freedom to Read Statement"](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/ftrstatement/freedomreadstatement.cfm)

#### **Step Two:**

Check out the websites listed below on banned books.

[American Library Association (ALA) Banned and/or Challenged Books from the Radcliffe Publishing Course Top 100 Novels of the 20th Century](http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/challengedclassics/reasonsbanned/index.cfm)

[Wikipedia's list of Books Banned by governments](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banned_books)

[Culture Shock: Who Decides? How and Why?](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/cultureshock/whodecides/index.html)