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Freedom of Speech, Religion, and the Press: The First Amendment's Safeguards

Short Answer Key

1. Key limitations on freedom of speech include speech that incites violence, poses a threat to public safety, or involves hate speech.
2. Freedom of religion is essential in a diverse society because it allows individuals to practice their faith without government interference, promoting religious tolerance and respecting individual beliefs.
3. A free press plays a crucial role in a democracy by informing the public, holding those in power accountable, and providing transparency.
4. Answers may vary but could include examples of hate speech, speech that incites violence, or false statements.
5. The First Amendment ensures a balance between individual rights and maintaining a safe and civil society by allowing free expression of ideas while limiting speech that can harm others or incite violence.

