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### Why The First Amendment is Important

Before the pilgrims came to America, they did not have the freedom to say what they wanted. If they said something bad about the king they could be thrown in jail. Then America won the Revolutionary War. When they were setting up our new government, they made sure that we had lots of freedoms, including the right to say what we believe, even if it isn't the same as our government. This freedom was included in the Bill of Rights, and I am glad I can say what I believe without being afraid of being thrown in jail.

One example of an American using the freedom of speech is Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke up for equal rights for African Americans. He wanted everyone to be treated equally, and he used his freedom of speech to share his dream with others.

Another example of an American using their freedom of speech was Susan B. Anthony. She used her freedom of speech to share her hope that women would be able to vote.

I am glad that these people, and many more, used their freedom of speech to help make our country better.