

Writing Activity: Extend a Definition

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Directions: Analyze the selections in this cluster, considering what the term *liberty* means in the context of each of the readings. Write an essay in which you explain the various meanings and draw conclusions about the federal government's role in protecting liberty.

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- Review the selections in Cluster 2, keeping in mind the cluster's essential question ("How well does federalism protect individual rights?") as you reread each text.
- Identify quotes or details in each reading that relate to an understanding or definition of *liberty*.
- You can use the graphic organizer on the next few screens to collect your thoughts.

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Selection	Relevant quotes or details	What liberty means in this context
The Spirit of Liberty		
The Doll Test and the Fourteenth Amendment		

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The Courage of Their Convictions: Fanny Lou Hamer		
Privacy and the Ninth Amendment		

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Selection	Relevant quotes or details	What liberty means in this context
The Rights of Americans with Disabilities		
You Get Proud by Practicing		
Putting the Second Amendment Second		

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Based on your analysis of the various meanings *liberty* has in the Cluster 2 readings, write an extended definition of it.

Remember, a strong extended definition

- considers multiple meanings in different contexts
- often helps clarify definitions by showing what something is not
- often shows the concept in action