

HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

Freedom

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Quotes about freedom



Jim Morrison
singer, songwriter, poet

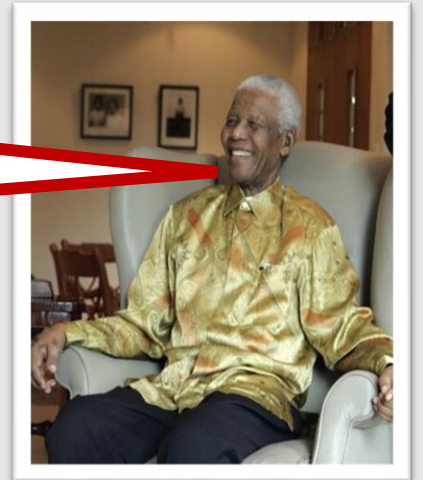
A friend is someone who gives you the total freedom to be yourself.

My father always said, 'Malala will be free as a bird'.



Malala Yousafzai
Pakistani activist

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.



Nelson Mandela
former President of South Africa

Thinking about freedom

Caring thinking

Can you think of a way you give your friends freedom to be themselves?

Collaborative thinking

How can people work together to remove some of the barriers to freedom some people have to overcome?



Creative thinking

If freedom were a colour, what colour would it be and why?

Critical thinking

Is freedom of speech a good thing? Should everyone be entitled to this even if they want to say damaging things?

What would you like to do with your free time this week?

Can you remember a time when you felt really free?

How are children free in the same way as adults?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

How are children free in a different way to adults?

Can you create a picture of freedom in your mind?
What are the sounds of freedom?

Are all countries in the world free in the same ways?

Can you give an example of how the country where you live restricts or enables people's freedom in some way?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



<https://www.storyberries.com/poems-for-kids-freedom-by-phoebe-coghlan-bedtime-stories/>

Follow this link to listen to and read a poem called Freedom by Phoebe Coghlan

Talking Points

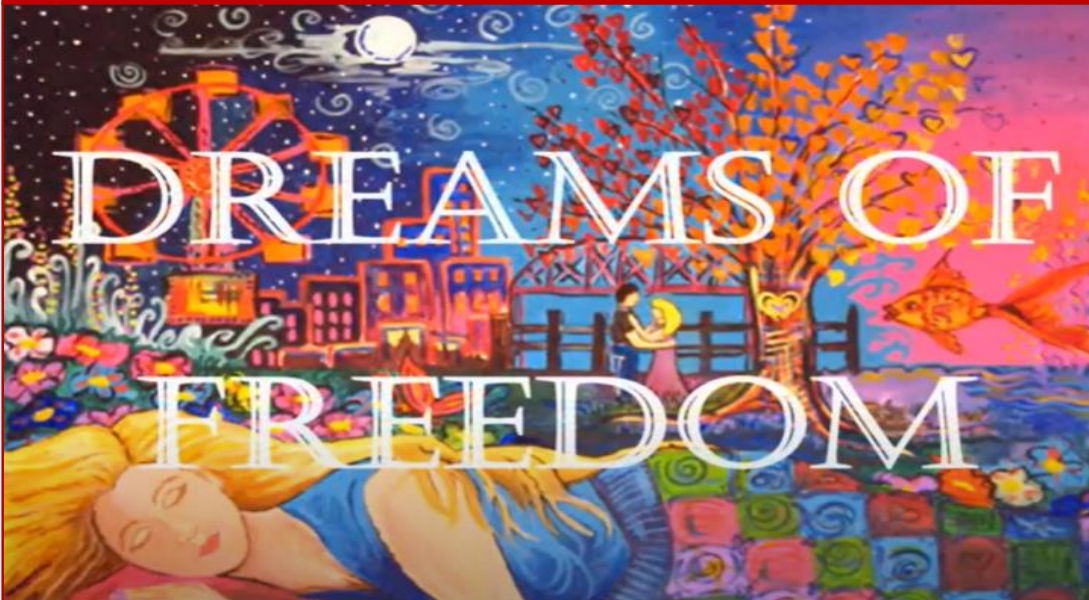
- Look at the pictures that illustrate the poem. Which do you like best?
- What makes you feel free?
- Where do you feel most free; inside or outside?
- Do you think grown-ups are free? Why or why not?

Activities

- Can you create your own picture to show what freedom is to you?
- Can you collect some pictures that show freedom in different ways?

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/bKyc3Lj9hHY>

Dreams of Freedom by Lily Rappaport

In this book created by Amnesty International and Lily Rappaport, we see beautifully illustrated quotes about freedom by different people.

Talking Points

- Have a think about all the different quotes about freedom. Which ones do you find interesting?
- Which two or three quotes do you like best? Why?
- What does freedom mean to you?

Activities

- Take one or two of the quotes in the book and see if you can research a bit about the person who said the quote.
- Can you write your own definition of freedom?
- Could you write your quote out and illustrate it in your own style?

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



Fair Play: A simple look at why human rights are important

<https://youtu.be/zluDfzCyPKY>

This film shows some children answering questions about the principles behind human rights and freedoms.

Talking Points

- What would your responses to the questions in the film be?
- How do human rights link to freedom?
- Can you think of examples around the world today where people have their freedoms restricted in ways that are of benefit to them and in ways that are damaging to them?

Activities

- Investigate what human rights are, using this link: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/human-rights/what-are-human-rights>
- See if you can find some songs with the theme of freedom. Look at their lyrics. What kinds of freedom are they linked to?

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