**TINKER V. DES MOINES: Questions to consider**

*Directions: Read the Tinker v. Des Moines story. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.*

1. Do you think that the school policy banning armbands was fair? Why or why not?
2. The students knew they would be suspended if they wore armbands to school and chose to do so anyway. Why do you think they ignored the rule?
3. The First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech." Why do you think the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that certain actions should have the same protection as verbal speech? Are these reasons valid?
4. In both *Schenck* and *Thornhill*, the Court seemed to make a rule that certain actions were guaranteed protection under the First Amendment's freedom of speech clause as long as those actions did not do a certain something. What rule or test did the Court seem to make?
5. Pretend that students in your school wanted to protest the school-wide ban on smoking. Should they legally be allowed to protest by wearing T-shirts that read "Up with 'Butts'!"? Why or why not?