



## Exercising Our First Amendment Rights

### Read Aloud Lesson based on the book *The Pink Hat* by Andrew Joyner

Throughout our history, there have been a lot of symbols that represent people's points of view. In these difficult times, for example, people are putting hearts in their windows as one way of saying thank you to the hard-working health care providers. Read or listen to the read aloud *The Pink Hat*. A recording of the Pink Hat may be found on YOUTUBE. Pink hats have become a symbol of women's rights.

1. The pink hats in the story were worn by millions of women, men and children who were part of a peaceful protest behind the message, "**Women's rights are human rights**". What do you think are some of the factors that were behind this Women's March?
2. Do you think the story would have a different impact if the main character was a boy? If so, how would it have been different? If not, why do you think it would be the same?
3. Imagine that your school has adopted the theme of keeping the school and community environment clean and healthy. Using symbolic speech, how would you let other people know that you are on the team that cares about the environment?
4. In addition to calling attention to the need to take care of our environment, what action steps would you share with people who recognize your symbol of environmental awareness and want to know how they could help?
5. Think of symbols in today's world that clearly convey a message.

**Example:** Why do people wear red ribbons? (*To call attention to the need to prevent drug abuse and drunk driving.*)

What others can you think of?