

ONE CHILD IS HOLDING SOMETHING
THAT'S BEEN BANNED IN AMERICA
TO PROTECT THEM.

GUESS WHICH ONE.



**MOMS
DEMAND
ACTION**

We keep 'Little Red Riding Hood' out of schools because of the bottle of wine in her basket. Why not assault weapons?

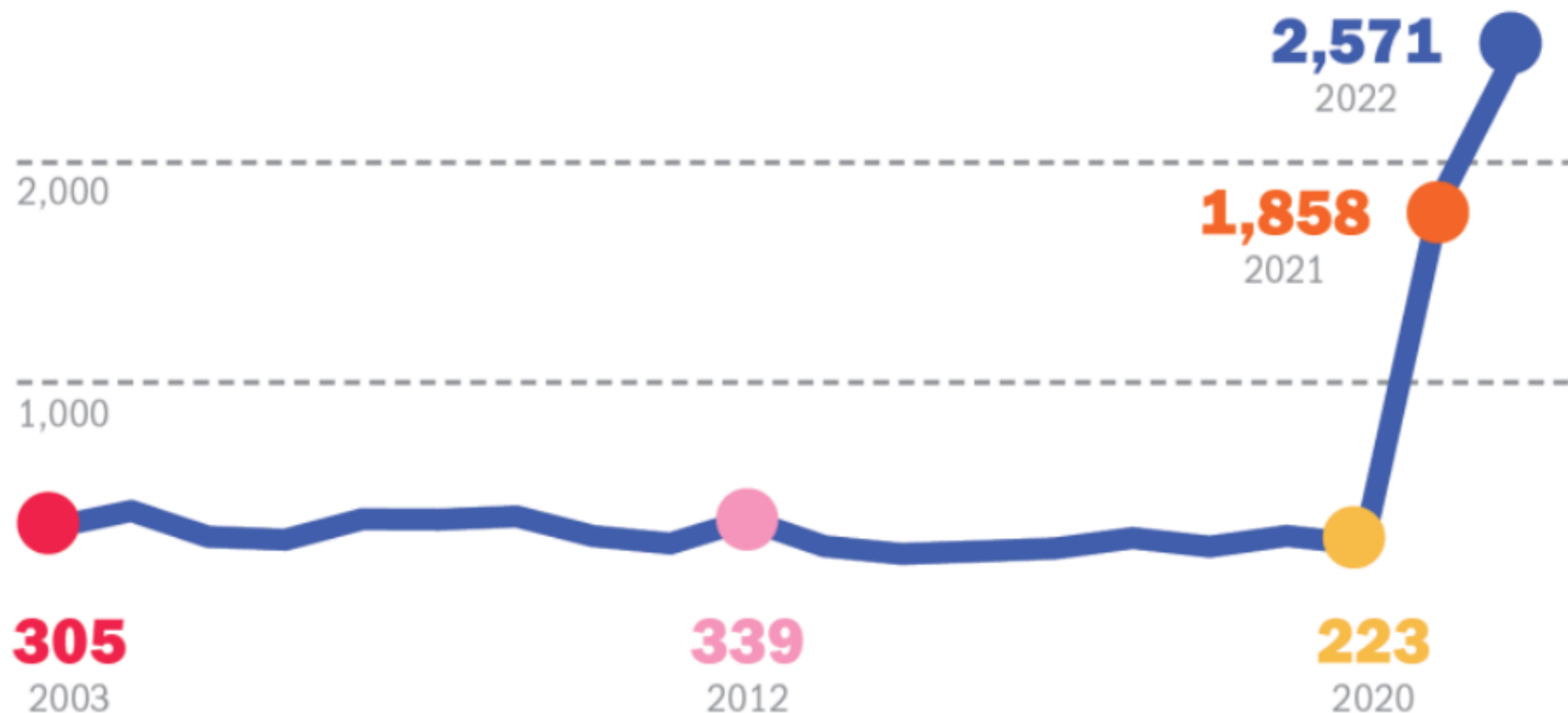
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CENSORSHIP ON THE RISE

The unparalleled number of reported book challenges in 2022 nearly doubled the number reported in 2021. The number of unique titles targeted marked a 38% increase over 2021.

NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED BY YEAR



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WHERE DO CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE?

In 2022, nearly 51% of the demands to censor books targeted books, programs, displays, and other materials in school libraries and schools; 48% of book challenges targeted materials in public libraries.



48%

Public libraries



41%

School libraries



10%

Schools

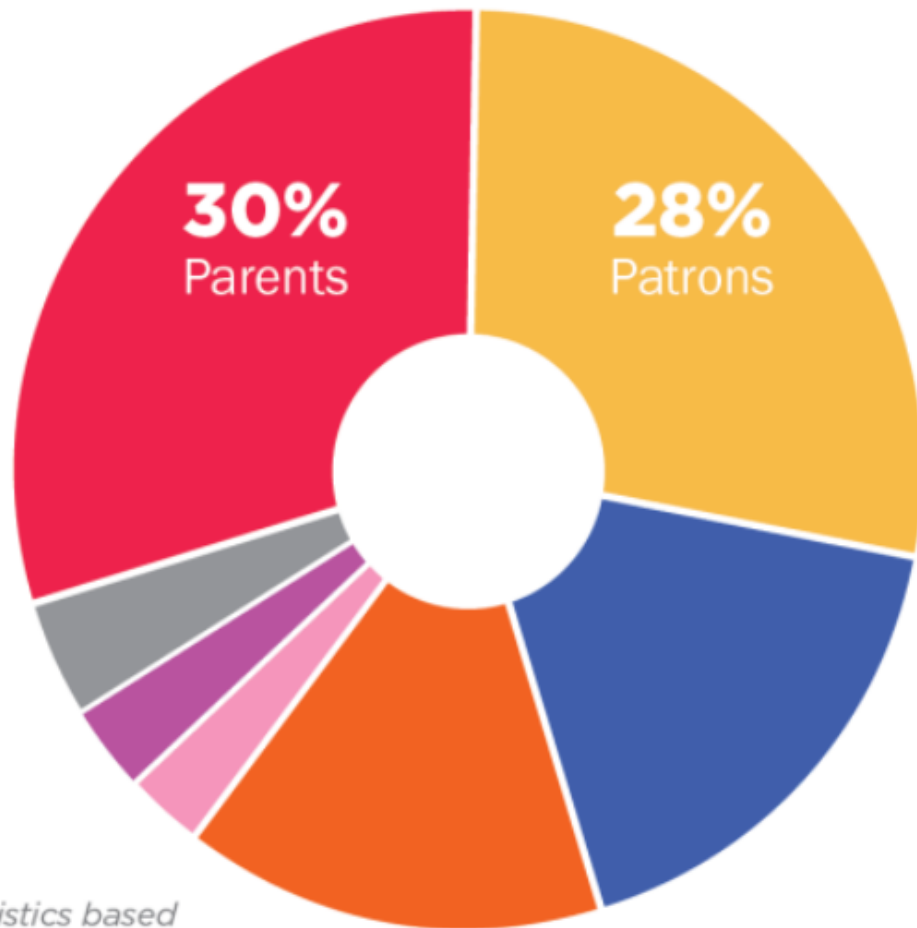


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Higher education libraries
and other institutions

Statistics based on 1,264 cases with known locations.

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Statistics based
on 1,207 cases with
known initiators.

In 2022, 90% of reported challenge attempts targeted multiple titles, the work of a well-organized movement that distributes book lists used to initiate mass challenges that can empty the shelves of a library.

WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES?

17% Political/religious groups

15% Board/administration

3% Librarians/teachers

3% Elected officials

4% Other

(Includes non-custodial relatives, nonresidents, community members without library cards, etc.)

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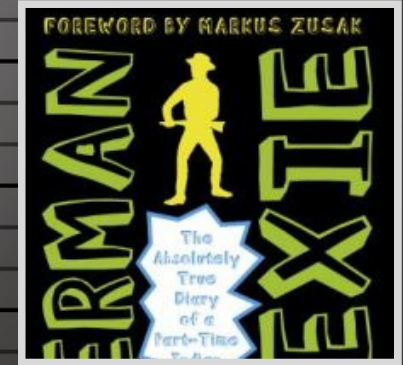
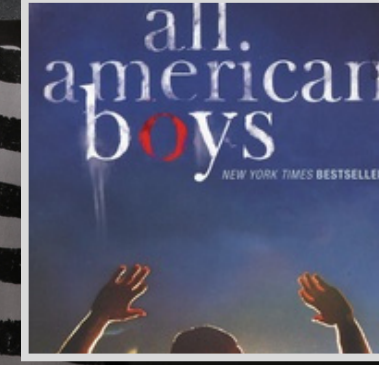
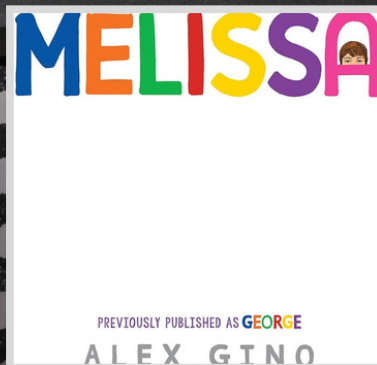
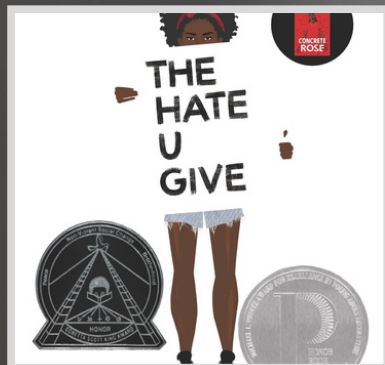
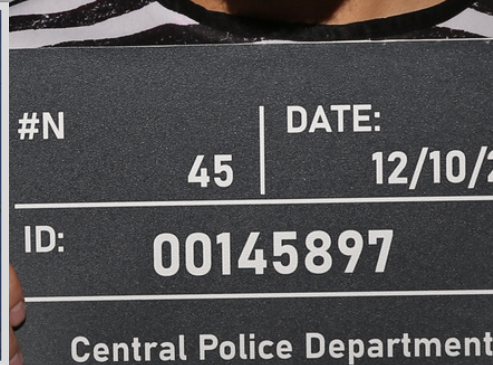
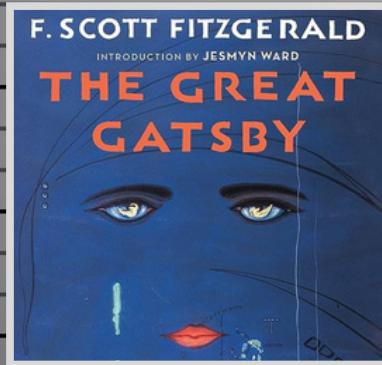
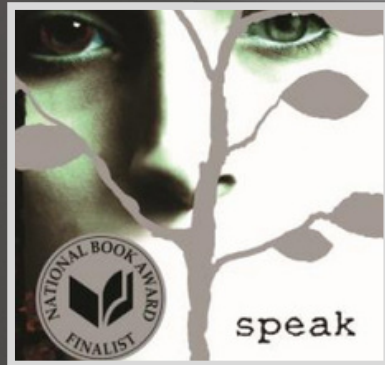
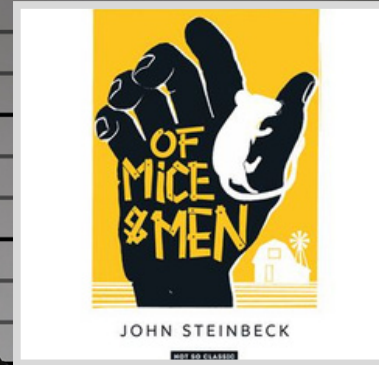
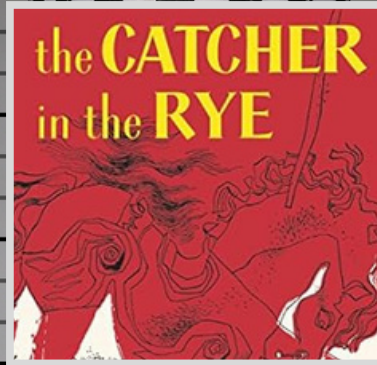
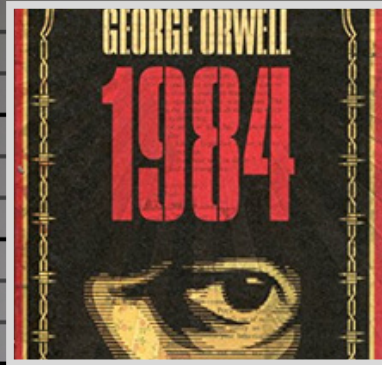
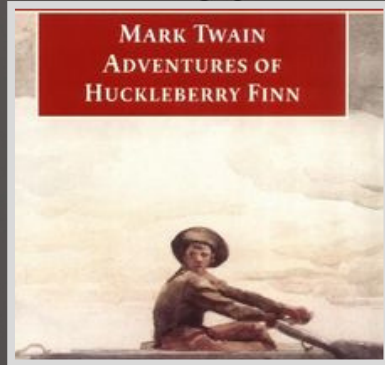
MUST READ

BOOKS

JUST BECAUSE
THEY'VE BEEN
BANNED!



MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS EVER IN THE US



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WEEK...**

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Be an advocate for **the freedom to read** and use your right to tell people why **reading makes you free**. Free to build an opinion, free to argue, to debate, to disagree, like or dislike. Free to choose.



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POWER

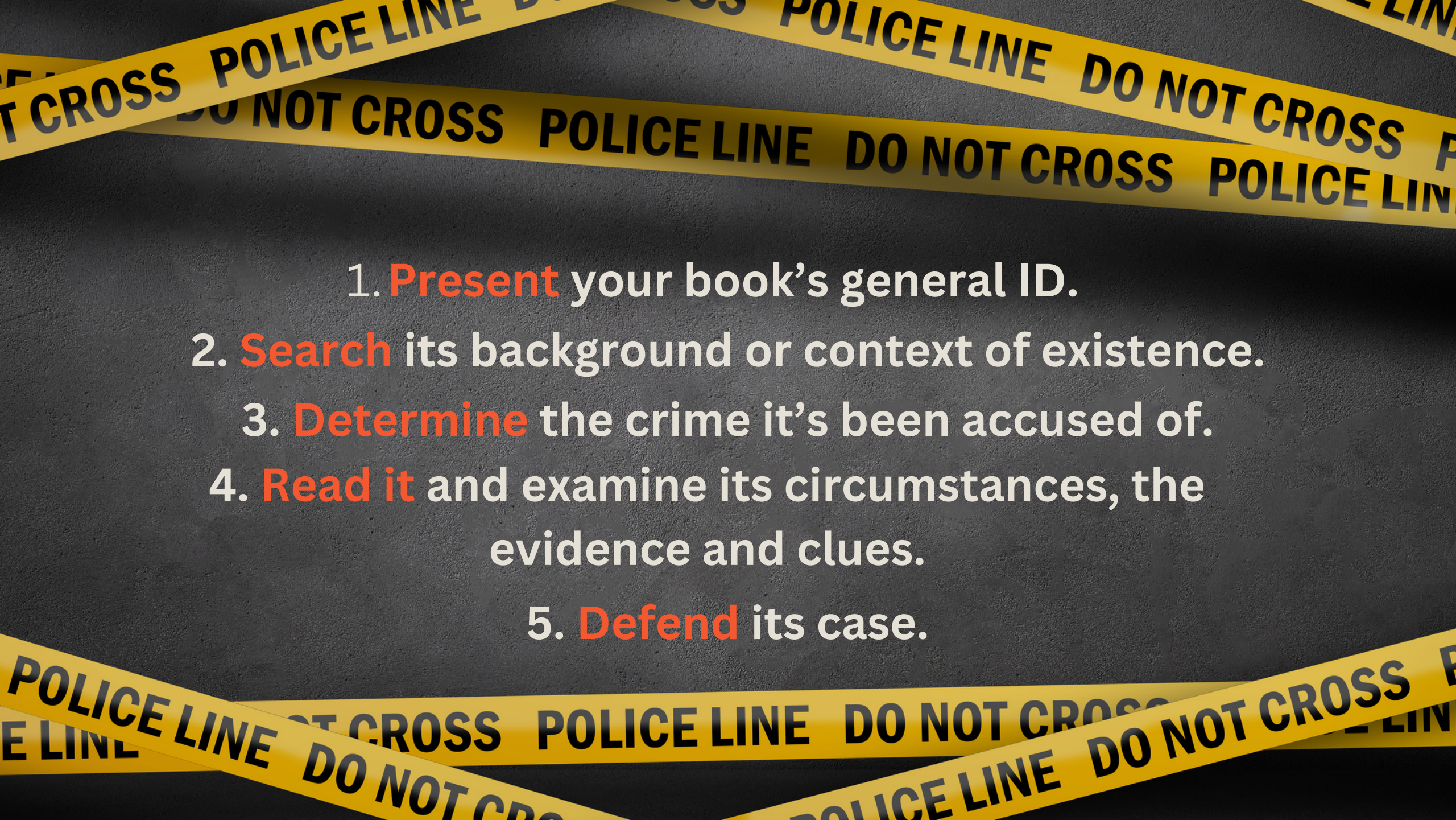
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FREEDOM

Books Unite Us.
Censorship Divides Us.

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1. **Present** your book's general ID.
 2. **Search** its background or context of existence.
 3. **Determine** the crime it's been accused of.
 4. **Read it** and examine its circumstances, the evidence and clues.
 5. **Defend** its case.

Define “problematic”

Is it about...

- The characters? Their relationship?
Their ideas?
- A scene in particular? Several scenes?
- The depiction of a period in time?
- A general theme?
- The language?



THINK

*a problematic theme or a
complex theme?*

Does it make the story less:
-interesting or worthwhile?
-enjoyable or captivating ?



CONCLUDE

As a group

**-IS BANNING THE RIGHT SOLUTION?
USELESS? EXAGGERATED? JUSTIFIED?**

**-DID THESE ISSUES RUINED YOUR EXPERIENCE
OF THE BOOK? ENHANCED IT? DID IT STOP
YOU FROM ENJOYING AND UNDERSTANDING
THE STORY, THE CHARACTERS?**





Schedule

November 6th

- > “Gender-Queer, a memoir”, by M. Kobabe
- > “Of Mice and Men”, by J. Steinbeck

November 13th

- > “Speak”, by L. H. Anderson
- > “The Catcher in the Rye”, by J.D. Salinger

November 20th

- > “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian”, by S. Alexie
- > “The Colour Purple”, by A. Walker

November 27th

- > “All American Boys”, by J. Reynolds & B. Kiely
- > “The Great Gatsby”, by F. S. Fitzgerald

December 4th

- > “1984”, by G. Orwell
- > “The Hate U Give”, by A. Thomas

December 11th

- > “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”, by M. Twain
- > “The Handmaid’s Tale”, by M. Atwood

December 18th

- > The Hunger Games, by S. Collins