

Reviews of legal challenges show that teachers have successfully been challenged and held accountable when their classroom activity fails one of the following four criteria. K12 teachers, therefore, should be very careful in stepping outside of these guidelines. For more information, read [\*Undoctrinate: The Problems with Classroom Orthodoxy and the Importance of Teaching Our Kids How to Think, Not What to Think.\*](#)

**4-Way Test for Evaluating Curricula/Assignments:**

Is it in alignment with the official curriculum?

Is it even-handed?

Is it age appropriate?

Does it avoid inflammatory material?

Source: Maxwell, Bruce, McDonough, Kevin, Waddington, David. (February, 2018.)  
“Broaching the subject: Developing law-based principles for teacher free speech in the classroom.” *Teaching and Teacher Education*. Volume 70, February 2018, Pages 196–203.