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Alabama state sued over abortion bill

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Two groups in the USA have challenged the near-total abortion ban in Alabama. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) tweeted: "If you attack our constitutional right to reproductive freedom, we will sue." The bill is called the "Human Life Protection Act." It bans all abortions in the state, except when there is a serious risk to the mother. The bill criminalizes abortion. Doctors who perform an abortion could be put in prison for up to 99 years.

Passions are high in Alabama. A big disagreement is that the bill has no exceptions for incest and rape. President Trump did not support the ban because of this. Alabama's House of Representatives rejected attempts to allow these exceptions. Alabama's governor said the law was "a powerful testament...that every life is precious and...a sacred gift from God". The ACLU said the law was a "manmade public health emergency".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. challenged the near- | a. to the mother |
| 2. our constitutional | b. sue |
| 3. reproductive | c. to 99 years |
| 4. we will | d. total abortion ban |
| 5. It bans all abortions | e. an abortion |
| 6. there is a serious risk | f. right |
| 7. Doctors who perform | g. freedom |
| 8. be put in prison for up | h. in the state |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Passions are | a. from God |
| 2. the bill has no exceptions | b. these exceptions |
| 3. President Trump did not | c. of Representatives |
| 4. Alabama's House | d. health emergency |
| 5. rejected attempts to allow | e. support the ban |
| 6. a powerful testament that | f. high in Alabama |
| 7. a sacred gift | g. for incest and rape |
| 8. a manmade public | h. every life is precious |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two groups in the USA (1) _____ near-total abortion ban in Alabama. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) tweeted: "If you attack our (2) _____ reproductive freedom, (3) _____." The bill is called the "Human Life Protection Act." It bans (4) _____ the state, except when there is (5) _____ to the mother. The bill criminalizes abortion. Doctors who perform an abortion could be (6) _____ for up to 99 years.

Passions are high in Alabama. (7) _____ is that the bill has (8) _____ incest and rape. President Trump did not support the ban (9) _____. Alabama's House of Representatives rejected attempts to (10) _____. Alabama's governor said the law was "(11) _____...that every life is precious and...a sacred gift from God". The ACLU said the law was a "(12) _____ emergency".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ABORTION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about abortion in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

