

## Writers' Block

In 1976, the Island Trees Board of Education removed eleven books from the bookshelves of their middle school and high school libraries at the urging of a politically conservative organization of parents in the State of New York. These books were deemed to be "antiAmerican, antiChristian, antiSemitic, and just plain filthy."

In 1982, the Supreme Court ruled in *Island Trees Board of Education v. Pico*, "Local school boards may not remove books from school library shelves simply because they dislike the ideas contained in these books..." so as to restrict a student's right to learn "in a narrowly partisan or political manner".

Below is a list of those eleven books. Unfortunately, our typewriter jammed and two book titles overlap on each line. One book title appears twice. Island Trees Board of Education decided to put this one back on the shelves before the lawsuit occurred.

If you need additional hints, try searching for this Supreme Court case on the web.

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