



When President Franklin Roosevelt made a speech to Congress in January of 1941, most of Europe was under NAZI control. FDR was trying to convince the American people that the United States must continue lending war materials to Great Britain in order to guarantee our own safety. FDR felt that everyone in the world should be guaranteed 4 basic freedoms (Freedom from fear, Freedom of religion, Freedom from want and Freedom of speech). Saturday Evening Post artist Norman Rockwell later decided to represent the 4 freedoms in a famous series of paintings.

1. Who painted these images?
2. What picture demonstrates Freedom from fear? Want? Religion? Speech?
3. Give two ways these paintings would change if they were painted today?
4. What was FDR's reason for making the "4 Freedoms" speech?
5. Video: Where were the pictures in the video taken?
6. Video: Describe at least two of the bronze statues you see.
7. Why do you think there is a statue of FDR in a wheelchair when he went to such great lengths to hide his disability?