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Exposure to new ideas through writing is essential to the foundation of society. Imagine if John Locke had been censored and prevented from sharing his views on the social contract? Such restrictions would have stifled progress. Even texts we disagree with play a crucial role in shaping our ability to frame arguments, think critically, and communicate persuasively. Banning books limits intellectual growth and should never be an option.