“A Nation of Slaves” Questions

Answer FOUR of the following questions in *paragraph form* (at least 5 COMPLETE sentences per response). You may write in 1st person (i.e. *when I was 16….*).

1. Explain an instance in which you were “liberated” through learning. Your experience *does not* have to be academic. It can be anything in which you learned something meaningful that deeply impacted your life.
2. Describe something you were prevented from learning—either now or as a kid. Who or what prevented you from learning (i.e. was the information censored? Not available?).
3. What are your ideas regarding censorship? Are there specific topics that should never be discussed publicly? If so, why?
4. *“We won’t question country, God, capitalism, science, economics, history, the rule of law, but in all those areas we will defer--and continue to defer--to experts, just as we were taught.”* Why does Jensen equate all of these different subjects in his discussion of deferment? Would you agree that we—as a society—tend to defer to experts in these specific topics?
5. Do you agree with Jensen’s ideas regarding intellectually “slavery”? If so, why? If not, why? (I honestly do not care how you answer this question, but you MUST support whatever position you take).