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Relative Clauses Reference Handout

Type	Purpose	Example	Relative Pronouns	Commas
Essential	Gives important info about a noun. Needed for meaning.	The student who led a protest against book banning is brave and admirable. Some schools have removed books that discuss LGBTQ+ experiences	Who, that	No
Non-essential	Gives extra info about a noun or idea. Not needed for meaning.	Book banning, which has increased in the past five years , has sparked debates. Jonathan Friedman, who is the Sy Syms managing director of PEN America , warns that these book bans are reminiscent of Nazi Germany's mass book burnings.	Who, which	Yes