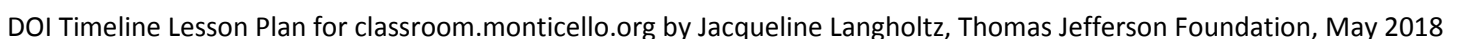


1776

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Declaration of Independence
Thomas Jefferson, the Second Continental Congress
Philadelphia, PA 1776





1848

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal.”

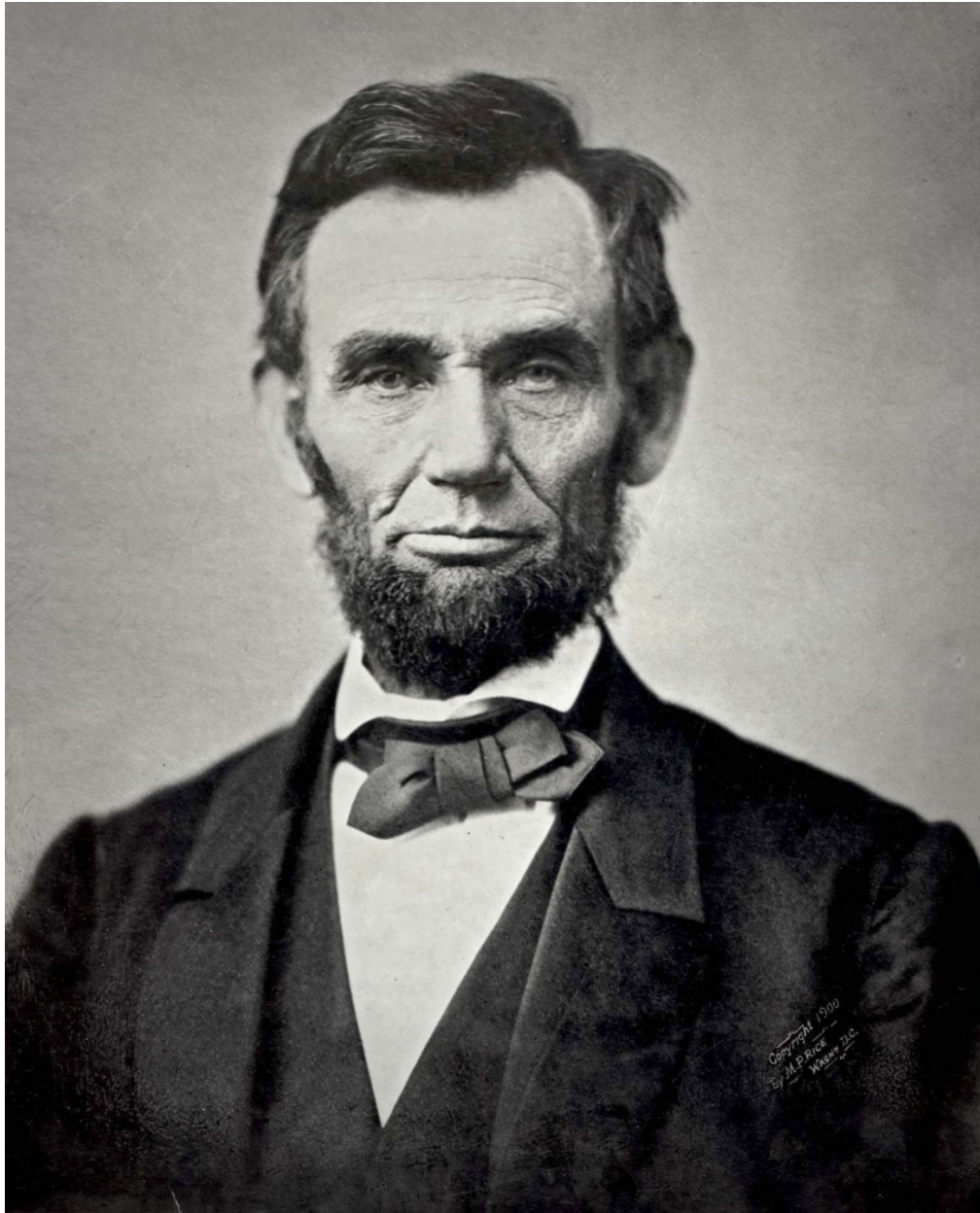
The Declaration of Rights and Sentiments
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Women’s Rights Convention
Seneca Falls, NY, 1848



1863

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

Gettysburg Address
President Abraham Lincoln



1930

“We believe that it is the inalienable right of the Indian people, as of any other people, to have freedom and to enjoy the fruits of their toil...”

Declaration of Sovereignty and Self-Rule
Gandhi, Indian National Congress
Lahore, 1930



1963

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Reverend Martin Luther King
March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
Washington, DC, 1963



1973

“All men are created equal. No matter how hard they try, they can never erase those words. That is what America is about.”

Harvey Milk, California Board of Supervisors
Gay Freedom Day Parade
San Francisco, California 1977



1984

“We believe -- and we believe it so deeply that Americans know these words by heart -- we believe `that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among those are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Take an American student or teacher aside later today and ask if he or she hasn't committed those words to memory. They are from the document by which we created our nation, the Declaration of Independence.”

President Ronald Reagan
Shanghai, China 1984



2013

“What makes us exceptional -- what makes us American -- is our allegiance to an idea articulated in a declaration made more than two centuries ago:

‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’

Today we continue a never-ending journey to bridge the meaning of those words with the realities of our time.”

Second Inaugural Address
President Barack Obama
Washington, DC 2013



2014

“Taking pride in the struggle of our people to gain independence and build the state, to free ourselves from tyranny, to affirm our free will...A political system ... that guarantees respect for human rights and freedoms, independence of the judiciary, equality of rights and duties between all citizens, male and female, and equality between all regions...”

The Constitution of the Tunisian Republic
Tunis, Tunisia, January 26, 2014



The Future

What comes next? You have the power to decide!

“This ball of liberty, I believe [...], is now so well in motion that it will roll round the globe. At least the enlightened part of it, for light & liberty go together.”

– Thomas Jefferson
Monticello, June 1, 1795



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