

# 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



# 1789

*"Men are born and remain free and equal in rights."*

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen  
Marquis de Lafayette, The National Assembly  
Paris, France 1789



# 1848

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

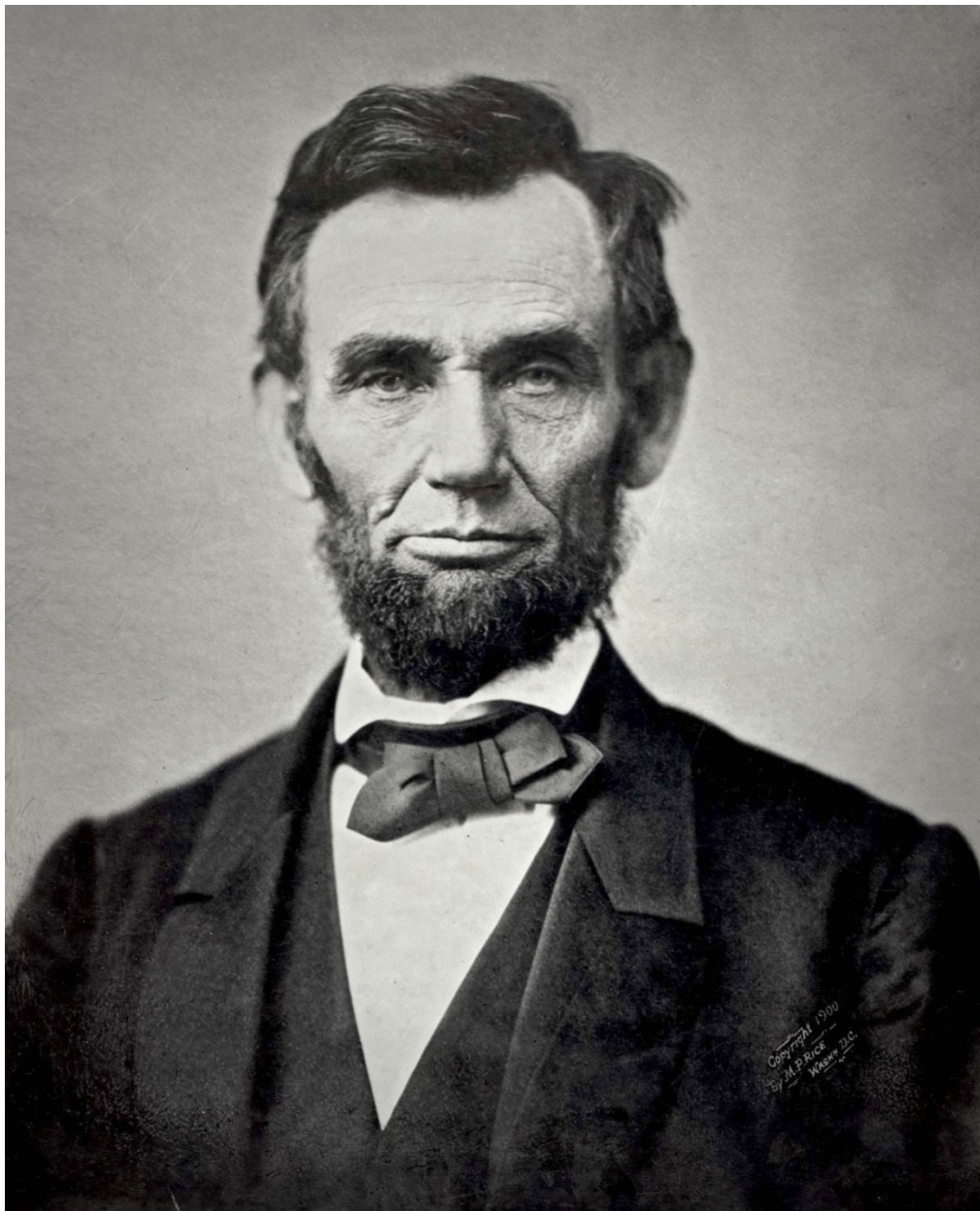
The Declaration of Rights and Sentiments  
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Women’s Rights Convention  
Seneca Falls, NY, 1848



# 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  
Gettysburg, PA 1863



# 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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