

# 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."*

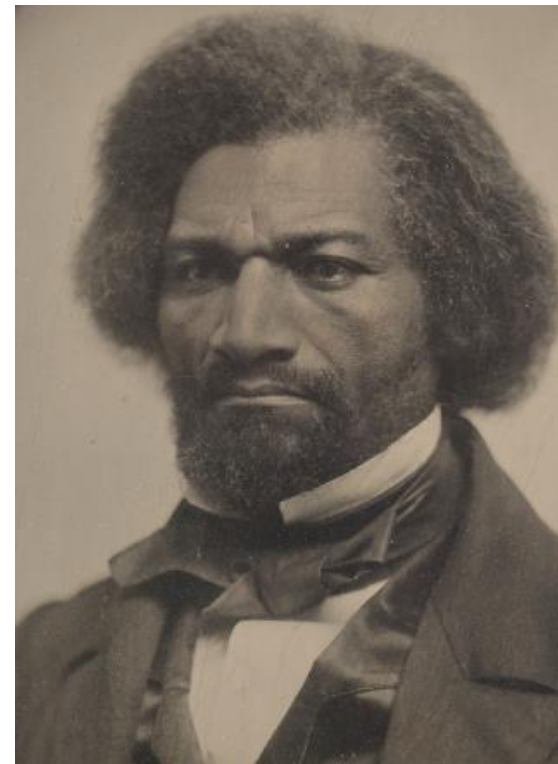
Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
The Declaration of Rights and Sentiments  
Women's Rights Convention  
Seneca Falls, NY 1848



# 1852

*"Are the great principles of political  
freedom and of natural justice, embodied  
in that Declaration of Independence,  
extended to us? . . . This Fourth of July  
is yours, not mine, You may rejoice, I  
must mourn."*

Frederick Douglass  
"What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"  
Rochester, NY 1852

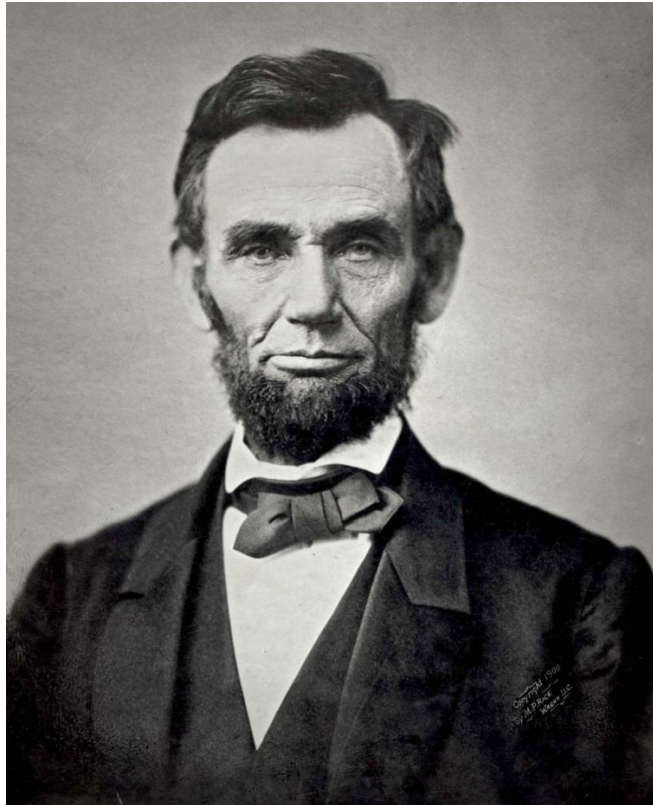




# 1863

*“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.**”*

President Abraham Lincoln  
Gettysburg Address  
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...”*

Mahatma Gandhi  
Declaration of Sovereignty and Self-Rule  
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.'"*

Martin Luther King Jr.  
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

W



# 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.”*

President Barack Obama  
Second Inaugural Address  
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 2014



# The Future

*“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



## Works Cited:

- 1 Trumbull, John. Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen in 1789: Digital image. Wikipedia Commons. N.p., n.d. Web. <[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Declaration\\_of\\_the\\_Rights\\_of\\_Man\\_and\\_of\\_the\\_Citizen\\_in\\_1789.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Declaration_of_the_Rights_of_Man_and_of_the_Citizen_in_1789.jpg)>.
- 2 Elizabeth Cady Stanton: Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. Photograph. Britannica Online for Kids. Web. 12 Jan. 2016. <<http://kids.britannica.com/elementary/art-88821>>.
- 3 Frederick Douglass. Digital image. National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution; acquired through the generosity of an anonymous donor
- 4 Abraham Lincoln: Gardner, Alexander. Abraham Lincoln. Digital image. Library of Congress. N.p., 1863. Web. <Digital File Number: cph.3a53289>.
- 5 Gandhi on the Salt March. Digital image. Wikipedia Commons. N.p., n.d. Web. <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salt\\_March#/media/File:March\\_e\\_sel.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salt_March#/media/File:March_e_sel.jpg)>.
- 6 Martin Luther King Jr. at the March on Washington. Digital image. Daily News. N.p., n.d. Web. <<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/march-washington-50-years-gallery-1.1435341?pmSlide=1.1435322>>.
- 7 Harvey Milk. Digital image. Pride Lafayette. N.p., n.d. Web. <http://www.pridelafayette.org/annual-events/harvey-milk-day/>
- 8 Ronald Reagan. Digital image. Reagan Foundation. N.p., n.d. Web. <<http://home.reaganfoundation.org/site/PageNavigator/Members%20Newsletters/WallpaperArchive2.html>>.
- 9 President Barack Obama. Digital image. AP-GfK, n.d. Web. <<http://sustainablepulse.com/wp-content/uploads/obama092710.jpg>>.
- 10 Belaid, Fethi. Tunisians wave their national flag and shout slogans on Tuesday in the capital, Tunis. Digital image. NPR. AFP, n.d. Web. <<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2014/01/14/262357235/is-this-arab-spring-country-finally-getting-it-right>>.
- 11 Dreamstime royalty free stock photos, "people and globe" <<https://www.dreamstime.com/royalty-free-stock-photos-people-globe-image32386>>