

# Voices of Liberty

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Resource Pack

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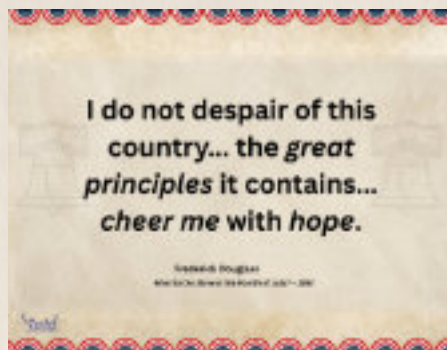
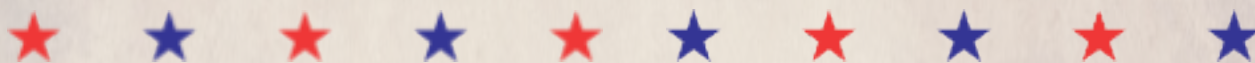


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Engage Students • Debate Ideas • Celebrate Liberty





## 250-YEAR QUOTE WALL RESOURCE PACK

Display and discuss 250 years of liberty, rights, and self-governance

### A Visual Celebration of American Ideas Across the Centuries




Looking for a powerful way to bring civic ideas to life in your classroom? The 250-Year Quote Wall Resource Pack was designed with flexibility and inspiration in mind. This printable and projectable collection features 25 quotes drawn directly from *Voices of Liberty's* primary documents, spanning the Declaration of Independence to more modern civic voices.

Each quote is attributed and dated for historical context, allowing you to tailor displays to the unit you're teaching or the conversations happening in your classroom. Whether you're emphasizing *Liberty & Natural Rights*, *Self-Government & Civic Responsibility*, or *Free Markets vs. Government Control*, you'll find a quote that resonates.

### How to Use This Resource:

- Print as posters to create a rotating classroom or hallway display.
- Project a quote a day as a bell ringer or exit ticket.
- Invite students to contribute their own favorite quotes to a class Padlet or bulletin board. Send them to the primary sources from Section 1 (or other primary sources) to find new ones.
- Use the optional student worksheet to prompt discussion and reflection: "Who said it, and why does it matter?"
- Start meaningful conversations on themes such as *Factions & Partisanship*, *Freedom of Expression & Conscience*, or *Hope, Progress & the American Experiment*.








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

Thomas Jefferson

*Declaration of Independence - 1776*








**That to secure these rights,  
Governments are instituted  
among Men, *deriving  
their just powers from the  
consent of the governed...***

Thomas Jefferson

*Declaration of Independence - 1776*








**Government, even  
in its best state, is  
but *a necessary  
evil...***

Thomas Paine

*Common Sense* - 1776








# **In America the *law is king.***

Thomas Paine

*Common Sense* - 1776








**The cause of  
America is in a great  
measure the cause  
*of all mankind.***

Thomas Paine

*Common Sense - 1776*








***We the People* of the  
United States, in  
Order to form a more  
perfect Union...**

Constitutional Convention

*U.S. Constitution — Preamble — 1787*



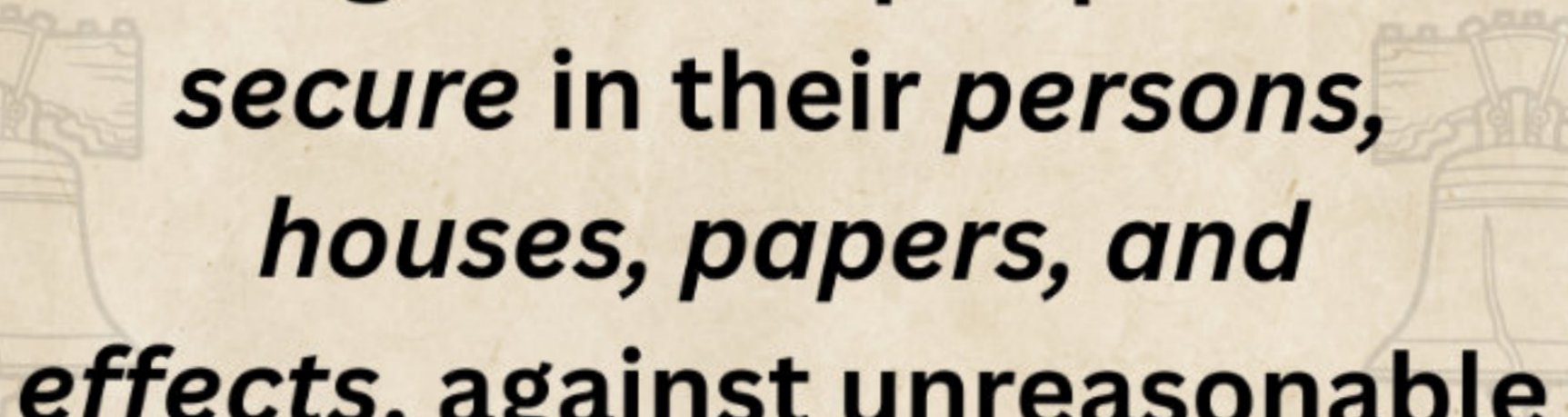



**Congress shall make no  
law... abridging the  
*freedom of speech, or  
of the press...***

First Congress

*First Amendment — Bill of Rights — 1791*



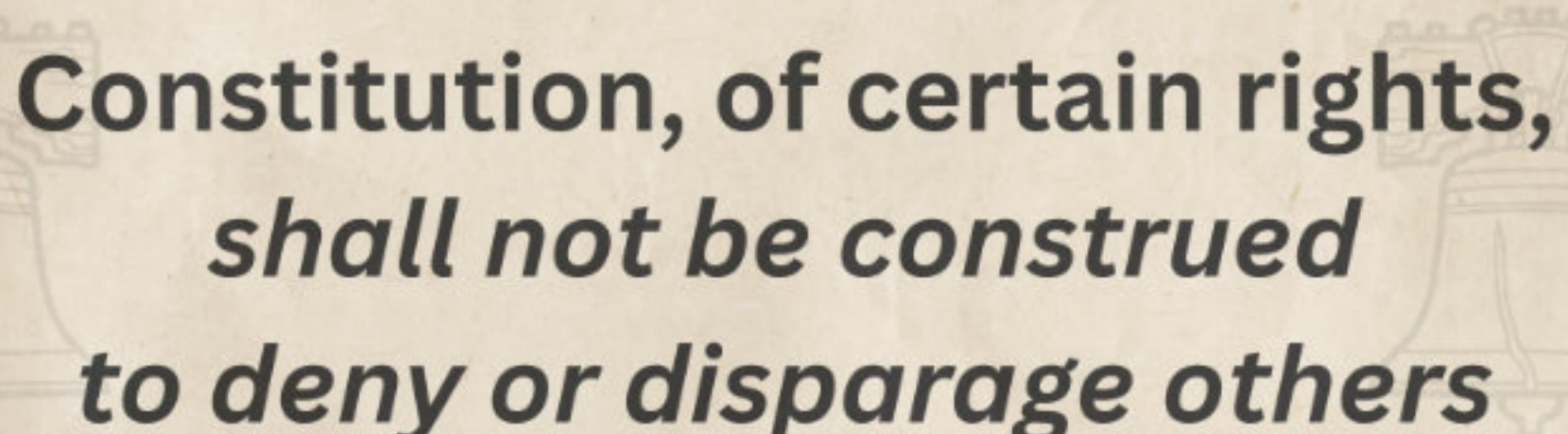



**The right of the people to be  
*secure* in their *persons*,  
*houses, papers, and*  
*effects*, against unreasonable  
searches and seizures...**

First Congress

*Fourth Amendment — Bill of Rights — 1791*








**The enumeration in the  
Constitution, of certain rights,  
*shall not be construed  
to deny or disparage others  
retained by the people.***

First Congress

*Ninth Amendment – Bill of Rights – 1791*



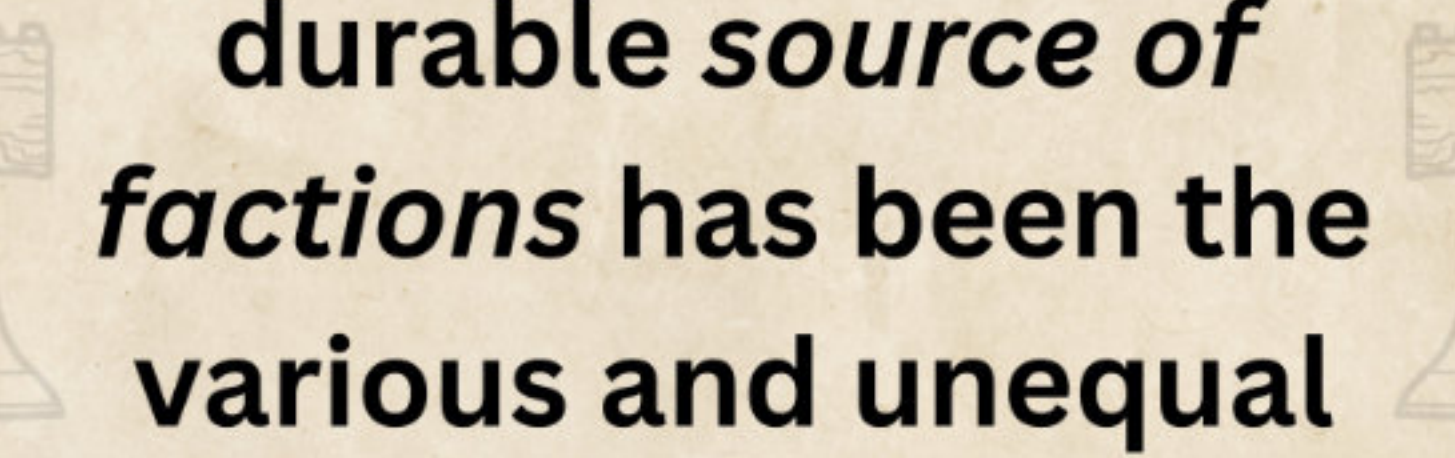



***Liberty* is to  
faction what air is  
to fire...**

James Madison

*Federalist #10 – 1787*








**The most common and  
durable *source of*  
*factions* has been the  
various and unequal  
distribution of property.**

James Madison

*Federalist #10 – 1787*



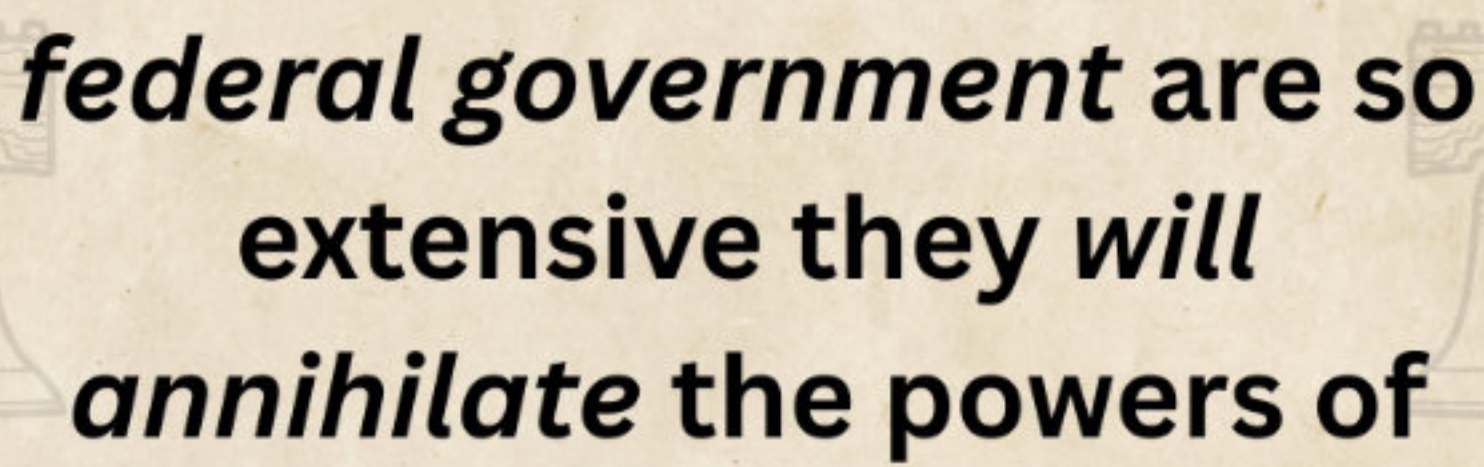



**A republic...can  
*cure* the mischiefs  
of *faction*.**

James Madison

*Federalist #10 – 1787*








**The *powers* given to the  
*federal government* are so  
extensive they *will*  
*annihilate* the powers of  
the individual *states*.**

Brutus

*Anti-Federalist #1 – 1787*






**A free republic  
*cannot succeed*  
over such a *vast*  
*territory.***

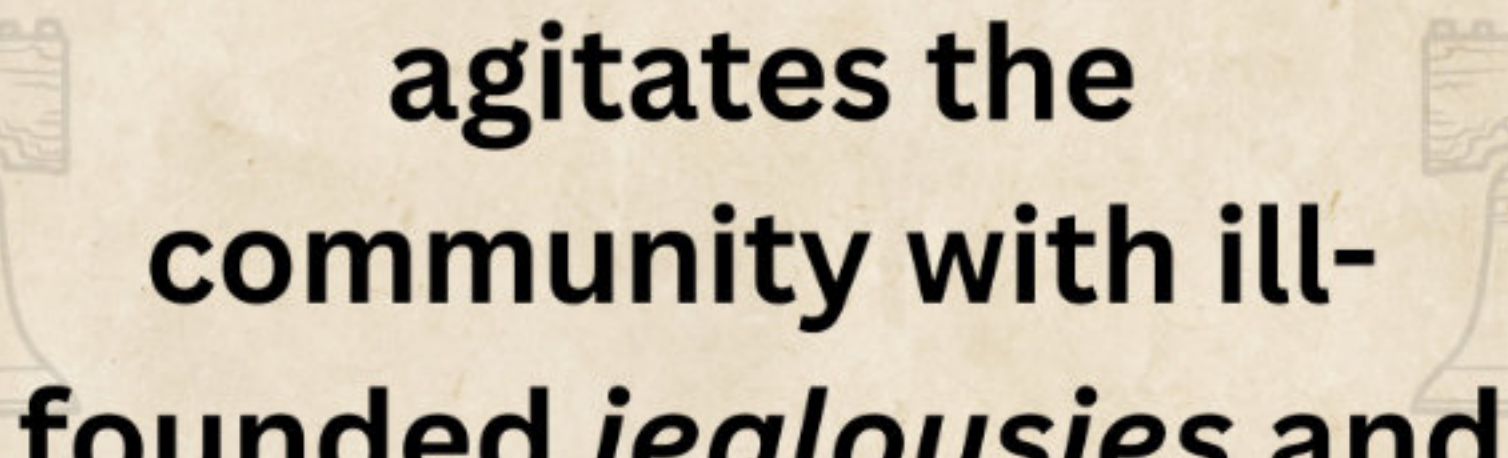
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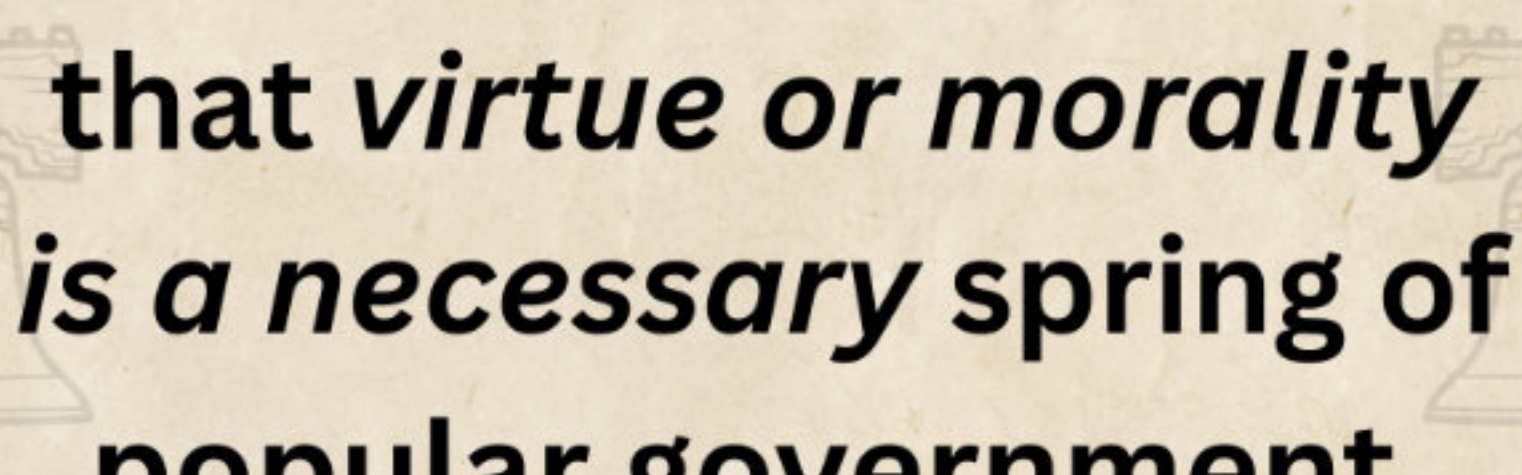

**The *spirit of party*...  
agitates the  
community with ill-  
founded *jealousies* and  
*false alarms*.**



George Washington

*Farewell Address – 1796*



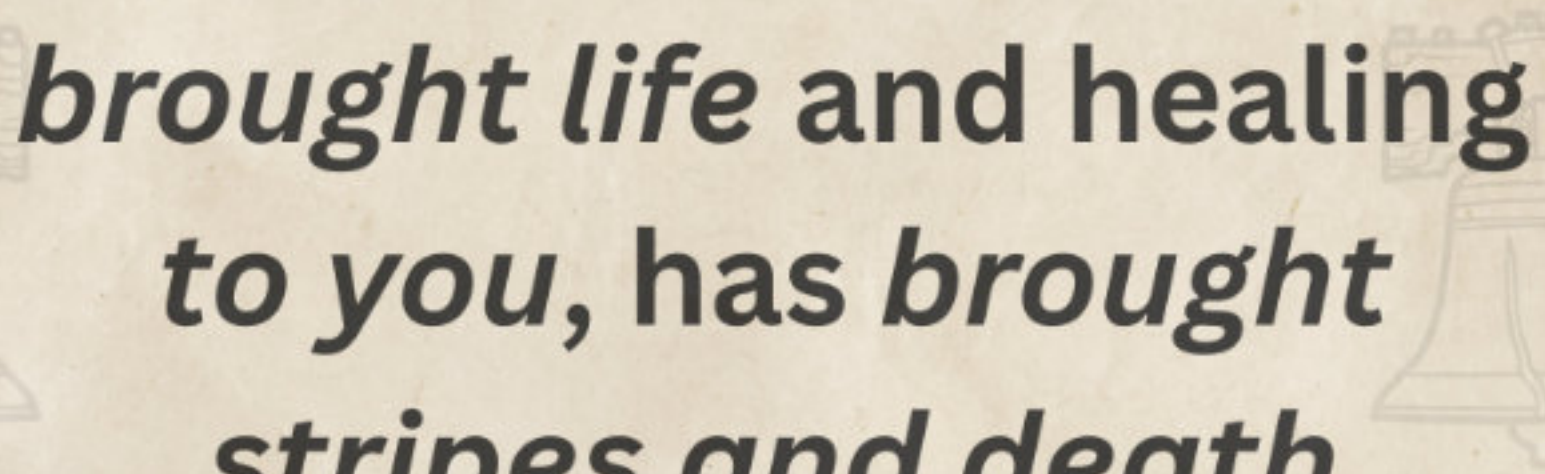



**It is substantially *true*  
that *virtue or morality*  
*is a necessary* spring of  
popular government.**

George Washington

*Farewell Address – 1796*



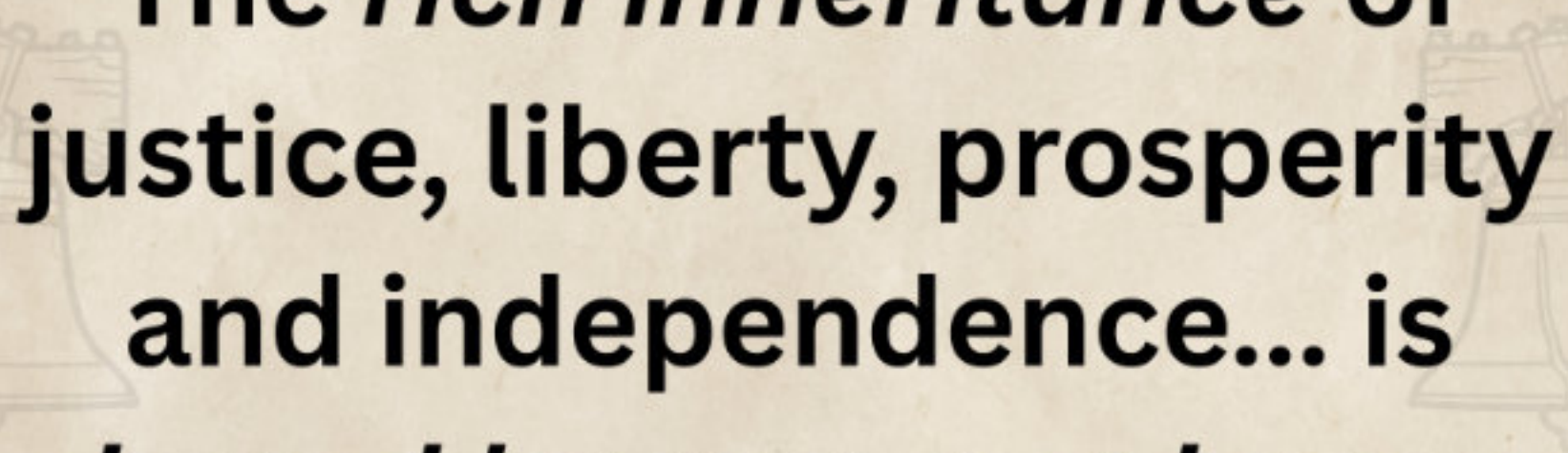



**The *sunlight* that  
*brought life* and healing  
to you, has *brought*  
*stripes* and death  
to me.**

Frederick Douglass

*What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July? – 1852*








**The *rich inheritance* of  
justice, liberty, prosperity  
and independence... is  
*shared by you, not by me.***

Frederick Douglass

*What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July? – 1852*



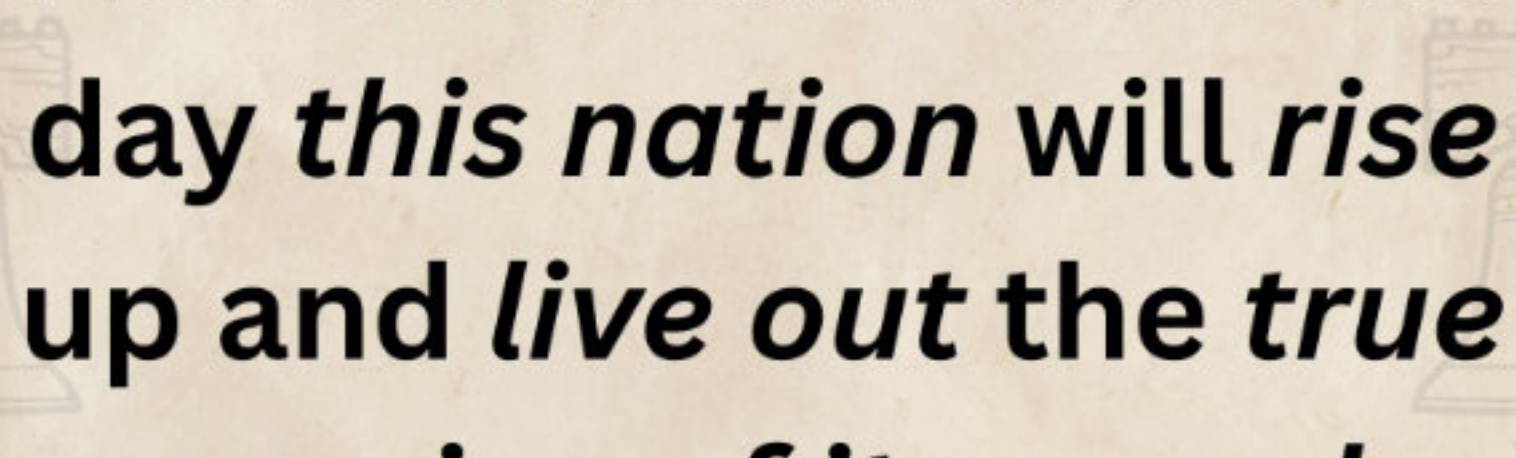



**I do not despair of this  
country... the *great*  
*principles* it contains...  
*cheer me with hope.***

Frederick Douglass

*What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July? – 1852*








**I have a dream that one  
day *this nation* will rise  
up and *live out* the *true*  
*meaning of its creed...***

Martin Luther King Jr.

*I Have a Dream – 1963*








**America has given the  
Negro people *a bad  
check... marked  
'insufficient funds.'***

Martin Luther King Jr.

*I Have a Dream – 1963*








***We refuse to  
believe that the  
bank of justice is  
bankrupt.***

Martin Luther King Jr.

*I Have a Dream – 1963*








***Freedom is never  
more than *one*  
*generation* away  
from *extinction*.***

Ronald Reagan

*A Time for Choosing – 1964*








**There's only an up or  
down—*up to individual  
freedom... or down to  
the ant heap  
of totalitarianism.***

Ronald Reagan

*A Time for Choosing – 1964*





**If we *lose freedom*  
here, there is *no*  
*place to escape to.*  
*This is the last stand*  
on Earth.**

Ronald Reagan

*A Time for Choosing - 1964*