

The Declaration of Independence

*I say to you today, my friends,
that in spite of the difficulties
and frustration of the moment,
I still have a dream. It is a
dream deeply rooted in the
American dream. 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. FROM "I
HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH ON THE
STEPS OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL,
AUGUST 28, 1963

*We have it in our power to begin
the world over again.*

THOMAS PAINE

*If you can't stand the heat,
get out of the kitchen.*

HARRY S. TRUMAN

*Nothing happens unless first
we dream.*

CARL SANDBERG

*Put all your eggs in one basket
and—WATCH THAT BASKET!*

ANDREW CARNEGIE

*For every complex problem
there is an answer that is clear,
simple, and wrong.*

H. L. MENCKEN

1775 Demographics
Total population: 2.5 million
Slave population:
20% of all Americans
50% of all Virginians
67% of all South Carolinians

Together we sing:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self
their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success
Be nobleness
And every gain divine!*

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ALL: When in the Course of human events,

Reader: it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another

Reader: and to assume among the powers of the earth,

Reader: the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them,

Reader: a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

ALL: We hold these truths to be self-evident

Reader: that all men are created equal

Reader: that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights

Reader: that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

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

Reader: it is the Right of the People to... institute new Government...

Reader: And for the support of this Declaration

Reader: with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence

ALL: we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

@ A full copy of the Declaration of Independence can be found at www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html.

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Liberty is that spirit which is not too sure of itself.
JUDGE LEARNED HAND

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A: I will not.
J: Why?
A: Reason enough.
J: What can be your reasons?
A: Reason first—You are a Virginian and a Virginian ought to appear at the head of this business. Reason second—I am obnoxious, suspected and unpopular. You are very much otherwise. Reason third—you can write ten times better than I can.
J: Well, if you are decided I will do as well as I can.

JOHN ADAMS