

# 15 Documents and Speeches That Built America: Unique Classics Declaration Of

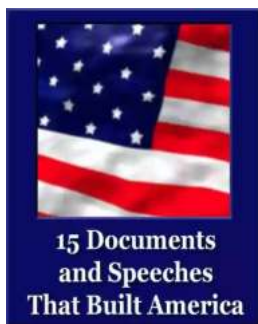
America, as we know it today, is a culmination of historical events, ideas, and values that are beautifully encapsulated in various documents and speeches. These written and spoken works have helped shape the nation's identity, establish its principles, and set the course for its future.

## 1. Declaration of Independence (1776)

The Declaration of Independence holds a special place in American history, symbolizing the aspirations and ideals that led to the birth of a new nation. Written primarily by Thomas Jefferson, it boldly proclaimed that all men are created equal and possess certain unalienable rights, including "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

## 2. The United States Constitution (1787)

The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land, outlining the framework for the government and individual rights. It serves as the backbone of American democracy, guaranteeing fundamental liberties while establishing the separation of powers among the three branches of government.



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### **3. Emancipation Proclamation (1863)**

The Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, declared that all slaves in Confederate territory were to be set free. While its immediate effects were limited, it became a symbol of hope for the African American community and laid the foundation for the eventual abolition of slavery.

### **4. Gettysburg Address (1863)**

Delivered by President Abraham Lincoln during the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the Gettysburg Address is a powerful reminder of the significance of equality and sacrifice. In just a few short sentences, Lincoln honored the fallen soldiers and emphasized the importance of preserving the Union and the ideals it represents.

### **5. The Federalist Papers (1787-1788)**

The Federalist Papers, written by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay, aimed to present arguments in favor of ratifying the Constitution. These influential essays explored the benefits of a strong central government, demonstrating the need for a united nation and addressing concerns about individual and state rights.

## **6. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" Speech (1963)**

Delivered during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic speech remains one of the most significant moments in American civil rights history. His powerful oratory skills and visionary dream of racial equality and harmony continue to inspire generations of Americans.

## **7. Susan B. Anthony's Speech on Women's Right to Vote (1873)**

In her speech defending her right to vote, Susan B. Anthony boldly challenged the societal norms and demanded equal voting rights for women. While it took several more decades for women to achieve suffrage, Anthony's unwavering dedication played a crucial role in the fight for gender equality.

## **8. Franklin D. Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address (1933)**

Faced with the daunting task of guiding the nation out of the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt rallied the American people with his reassuring words in his First Inaugural Address. His famous phrase, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," became a symbol of hope and resilience during a time of economic crisis.

## **9. The Monroe Doctrine (1823)**

President James Monroe's policy statement declared that any European interference in the Americas would be considered a threat to the United States. The Monroe Doctrine became a cornerstone of American foreign policy and established the nation's commitment to protecting its interests in the Western Hemisphere.

## **10. Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address (1865)**

Delivered just over a month before his assassination, Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address sought to reconcile a divided nation. In a spirit of compassion and forgiveness, Lincoln urged Americans to bind up the nation's wounds and work towards a just and lasting peace.

### **11. Seneca Falls Declaration (1848)**

During the first women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, the attendees drafted the Seneca Falls Declaration. This groundbreaking document demanded civil, social, and religious equality for women and laid the groundwork for the women's suffrage movement.

### **12. Executive Order 9066 (1942)**

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, leading to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. This controversial order has since been recognized as a dark chapter in American history, highlighting the importance of safeguarding civil liberties during times of crisis.

### **13. John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address (1961)**

John F. Kennedy's stirring inaugural address summoned Americans to take an active role in shaping their country's future. His famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," challenged citizens to work towards a better America.

### **14. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Senate Floor Speech Against the Confirmation of Jeff Sessions (2017)**

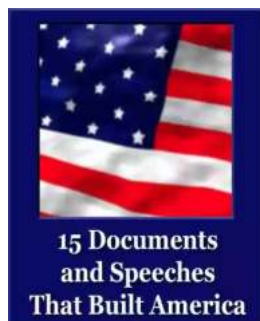
In an impassioned speech on the Senate floor, Senator Elizabeth Warren spoke out against the confirmation of Jeff Sessions as Attorney General. This speech

drew attention to important issues surrounding civil rights, freedom of speech, and the role of government, sparking a national conversation.

## 15. The Louisiana Purchase Treaty (1803)

The Louisiana Purchase Treaty, signed by President Thomas Jefferson, doubled the size of the United States overnight. This landmark agreement with France expanded American territory westward, opening up vast opportunities for exploration, settlement, and the future development of the nation.

These 15 documents and speeches represent a mere fraction of the influential works that have shaped America. Each one has had a profound impact on the nation's history, values, and trajectory. Understanding and appreciating these unique classics is essential for anyone seeking a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the United States of America.



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1. 1215 - The Magna Carta
2. 1606 - The First Virginia Charter
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6. 1775 - Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death
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10. 1787 - The Constitution of the United States of America and the Amendments
11. 1796 - George Washington's Farewell Address
12. 1823 - The Monroe Doctrine
13. 1862 - The Emancipation Proclamation
14. 1863 - The Gettysburg Address
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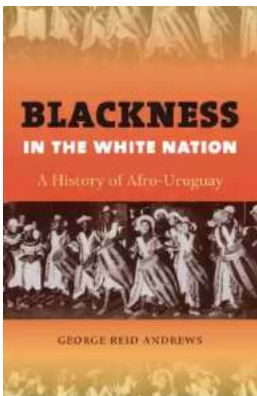
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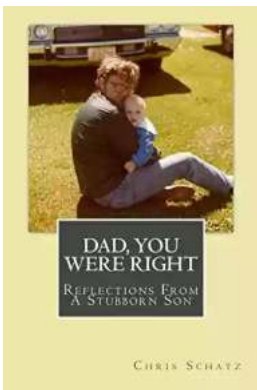
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