

# 32 INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES ABOUT FREEDOM

THE VERY BEST FREEDOM QUOTES FROM ACTIVISTS, POLITICIANS, POETS  
AND OTHER HISTORICAL FIGURES, COLLECTED FOR YOU



★ "FREEDOM LIES IN BEING BOLD." - ROBERT FROST



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★ "THOSE WHO DENY FREEDOM TO OTHERS,  
DESERVE IT NOT FOR THEMSELVES." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN

★ "IF LIBERTY MEANS ANYTHING AT ALL, IT MEANS THE  
RIGHT TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY DO  
NOT WANT TO HEAR." - GEORGE ORWELL

★ "WE MUST BE FREE NOT BECAUSE WE CLAIM FREEDOM,  
BUT BECAUSE WE PRACTICE IT." - WILLIAM FAULKNER

★ HUMAN KINDNESS HAS NEVER WEAKENED THE STAMINA  
OR SOFTENED THE FIBER OF A FREE PEOPLE."  
- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

★ "FOR TO BE FREE IS NOT MERELY TO CAST OFF ONE'S  
CHAINS, BUT TO LIVE IN A WAY THAT RESPECTS AND  
ENHANCES THE FREEDOM OF OTHERS." - NELSON MANDELA

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★ "I AM NO BIRD; AND NO NET ENSNARES ME; I AM A FREE HUMAN BEING WITH AN INDEPENDENT WILL."

- CHARLOTTE BRONTË, "JANE EYRE"

★ "AND SHOULD WE WIN THE DAY, THE FOURTH OF JULY WILL NO LONGER BE KNOWN AS AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY, BUT AS THE DAY THE WORLD DECLARED IN ONE VOICE: 'WE WILL NOT GO QUIETLY INTO THE NIGHT!'"

- BILL PULLMAN

★ "FREEDOM IS NOT WORTH HAVING IF IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE MISTAKES."

- MAHATMA GANDHI

★ "I'VE FOUND THAT THERE IS ALWAYS SOME BEAUTY LEFT IN NATURE, SUNSHINE, FREEDOM, IN YOURSELF; THESE CAN ALL HELP YOU. LOOK AT THESE THING, THEN YOU FIND YOURSELF AGAIN"

- ANNE FRANK, "THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL"



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★ "NO ONE LOSES ANYONE, BECAUSE NO ONE OWNS ANYONE. THAT IS THE TRUE EXPERIENCE OF FREEDOM: HAVING THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD WITHOUT OWNING IT." - PAULO COELHO, "ELEVEN MINUTES"

★ "I AM NOT FREE WHILE ANY WOMAN IS UNFREE, EVEN WHEN HER SHACKLES ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN." - AUDRE LORDE

★ "JUST LIVING IS NOT ENOUGH, ONE MUST HAVE SUNSHINE, FREEDOM, AND A LITTLE FLOWER."  
- HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, "THE COMPLETE FAIRY TALES"

★ "THOSE WHO WOULD GIVE UP ESSENTIAL LIBERTY TO PURCHASE A LITTLE TEMPORARY SAFETY DESERVE NEITHER LIBERTY NOR SAFETY." - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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★ "A FREE BIRD LEAPS / ON THE BACK OF THE WIND / AND  
FLOATS DOWNSTREAM / TILL THE CURRENT ENDS / AND  
DIPS HIS WING / IN THE ORANGE SUN RAYS /  
AND DARES TO CLAIM THE SKY." - MAYA ANGELOU,

★ FREEDOM IS SOMETHING THAT DIES UNLESS IT'S USED."  
- HUNTER S. THOMPSON

★ "I HAVE TASTED FREEDOM. I WILL NOT GIVE UP THAT  
WHICH I HAVE TASTED." - HARVEY MILK

★ "NOTHING SPEAKS SO STRONGLY OF FREEDOM AS THE  
FACT THAT THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE WHO WENT  
THROUGH GREAT AGONY — WHICH, THANK HEAVEN, HAS  
PASSED AWAY — HAVE NOW FULL OPPORTUNITIES  
AND CAN HELP CELEBRATE MY  
FIFTY YEARS' WORK FOR LIBERTY." - SUSAN B. ANTHONY

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★ "SHE HAD NOT KNOWN THE WEIGHT UNTIL SHE FELT THE FREEDOM!" - NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE, "THE SCARLET LETTER"

★ "IF YOU ASSUME THAT THERE IS AN INSTINCT FOR FREEDOM, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO CHANGE THINGS, THERE'S A CHANCE YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING A BETTER WORLD. THE CHOICE IS YOURS."  
- NOAM CHOMSKY

★ "FREELY WE SERVE, BECAUSE WE FREELY LOVE, AS IN OUR WILL TO LOVE OR NOT; IN THIS WE STAND OR FALL."  
- JOHN MILTON, "PARADISE LOST"

★ "BUT LAWS ALONE CANNOT SECURE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION; IN ORDER THAT EVERY MAN MAY PRESENT HIS VIEWS WITHOUT PENALTY THERE MUST BE A SPIRIT OF TOLERANCE IN THE ENTIRE POPULATION."  
- ALBERT EINSTEIN,

★ "YOU NEVER COMPLETELY HAVE YOUR RIGHTS, ONE PERSON, UNTIL YOU ALL HAVE YOUR RIGHTS."  
- MARSHA P. JOHNSON



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- ★ "THOSE WHO EXPECT TO REAP THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM, MUST, LIKE MEN, UNDERGO THE FATIGUES OF SUPPORTING IT." - THOMAS PAINE
- ★ "ALL THE GREAT THINGS ARE SIMPLE, AND MANY CAN BE EXPRESSED IN A SINGLE WORD: FREEDOM, JUSTICE, HONOR, DUTY, MERCY, HOPE." - WINSTON CHURCHILL
- ★ "LET US NOT SEEK TO SATISFY OUR THIRST FOR FREEDOM BY DRINKING FROM THE CUP OF BITTERNESS AND HATRED." - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
- ★ "THE FUNCTION OF FREEDOM IS TO FREE SOMEONE ELSE."  
- TONI MORRISON
- ★ "GIVE ME THE LIBERTY TO KNOW, TO UTTER, AND TO ARGUE FREELY ACCORDING TO CONSCIENCE, ABOVE ALL LIBERTIES." - JOHN MILTON, "AREOPAGITICA"

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★ "POWER CAN BE TAKEN, BUT NOT GIVEN. THE PROCESS OF THE TAKING IS EMPOWERMENT IN ITSELF." - GLORIA STEINEM

★ "LOCK UP YOUR LIBRARIES IF YOU LIKE; BUT THERE IS NO GATE, NO LOCK, NO BOLT THAT YOU CAN SET UPON THE FREEDOM OF MY MIND." - VIRGINIA WOOLF

★ "WHILE WE ARE CONTENDING FOR OUR OWN LIBERTY, WE SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS NOT TO VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE IN OTHERS." - GEORGE WASHINGTON

★ "ONLY THE TRUTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT MAKES YOU TRULY FREE." - RENIE CROW