



## Welcome to Revolutionary War Activities for Kids:

### Patriotic Copywork

On the following pages, you will find twenty quotes\* from America's Founding Fathers that express what the ideals of freedom, justice, and peace meant to them. They are more than beautiful words. They represent the ideals and the reasons why these men—many of them of very comfortable and financially stable means—risked not only their fortunes but their reputations and their own lives in order to secure these rights for their children and the generations that would come after them. They are quotes worthy of remembering and of pondering.

There are three pages at the beginning of this book that list the quotes and their sources that are ideal for using in dictation. Following these pages you will find the copywork organized by its author. For example, there are two quotes by George Washington. You will find these first as copywork to trace, then written out as copywork to copy, and then blank lines for the student to use for his own copying of the text.

My prayer is that this copywork is a blessing to your family and draws you closer to the One who is the Source of true freedom.

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36 KJV

\*Please note: many quotes contain original spellings and punctuation.





*Benjamin Franklin*

“Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such thing as Wisdom; and no such thing as public Liberty, without Freedom of Speech.”

The New England Courant, July 9, 1722

“Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature.”

Original Quotation Date Unknown

*James Madison*

“A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven.”

Letter to William Bradford, November 9, 1772

“I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.”

Speech to the Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 16, 1788

*Thomas Jefferson*

“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, July 4, 1776

“To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”

Virginia Statutes of Religious Freedom, 1779

“He who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second and third time, till at length it becomes habitual; he tells lies without attending to it, and truths without the world’s believing him. This falsehood of the tongue leads to that of the heart, and in time depraves all its good dispositions.”

Letter to Peter Carr, August 19, 1785

“Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.”

Letter to Richard Price, January 8, 1789





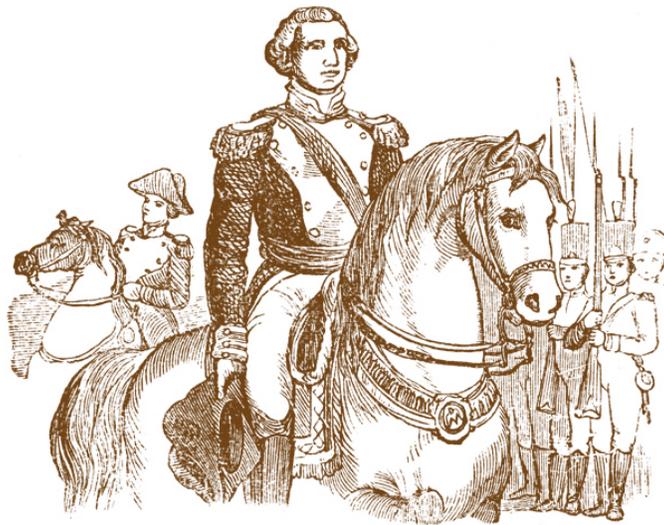
## George Washington

"Thursday the seventh Instant, being set apart by the Honourable the Legislature of this province, as a day of fasting, prayer, and humiliation, to implore the Lord, and Giver of all victory, to pardon our manifold sins and wickedness's, and that it would please him to bless the Continental Arms, with his divine favour and protection' – All Officers, and Soldiers, are strictly enjoined to pay all due reverence, and attention on that day, to the sacred duties due to the Lord of hosts, for his mercies already





received, and for those blessings,  
which our Holiness and  
Uprightness of life can alone  
encourage us to hope through his  
mercy to obtain."



George Washington

"We have therefore to resolve to  
conquer or die: Our own Country's  
Honor, all call upon us for a  
vigorous and manly exertion, and  
if we now shamefully fail, we  
shall become infamous to the





## Patrick Henry

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet  
as to be purchased at the price of  
chains and slavery? Forbid it,  
Almighty God. I know not what  
course others may take, but as for  
me, give me liberty or give me  
death!"





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