

“Famous Quotations!”

Activity for ages 14 +

Aim: To give students the opportunity to research and think deeply about famous people in history and their impact on social justice issues.

Below are some quotations from famous people in history. Choose one and describe what it means to you and if you agree with it. Research the person making the quote and present something about that person's life to the group. If possible, put the quote in context.



“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.” - **Helen Keller**

“Global poverty is a powder keg that could be ignited by our indifference.” - **Bill Clinton**

“Social justice cannot be attained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create.”
- **Pope John Paul II**

“It is a tragic mix-up when the United States spends \$500,000 for every enemy soldier killed, and only \$53 annually on the victims of poverty.” - **Martin Luther King Jr**

“What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.” - **Mother Teresa**

“It has been said that arguing against globalization is like arguing against the laws of gravity.”
- **Kofi Annan**

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.”
- **Winston Churchill**

“Unless both sides win, no agreement can be permanent.” - **Jimmy Carter**

“Man can never be a woman's equal in the spirit of selfless service with which nature has endowed her.” – **Mahatma Gandhi**

“Each player must accept the cards life deals him or her: but once they are in hand, he or she alone must decide how to play the cards in order to win the game.” - **Voltaire**

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” - **Abraham Lincoln**

“Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.” - **Albert Einstein**

“Abundance does not spread; famine does.” - **Zulu proverb**

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its labourers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.”
- **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

