

“All Men Are Created Equal”



The rhetoric of freedom

Copy this down in your notebook:



“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.”

Trivia time:



1. What famous document is this quote from?
2. Who is credited with writing it?
3. In what year was it written?
4. Which holiday celebrates its “publication”?

Reflect, in your notes, on these questions:



1. Who was “we”?
2. Who did “all men” refer to?
3. What might “inalienable” mean?
4. What might be meant by “life,” “liberty,” and “the pursuit of happiness”?

What are the milestones in living
up to this ideal?

1776

2019



3 voices we'll be reading on this topic

1776



Frederick
Douglass



Carrie
Chapman
Catt

2019



Harvey
Milk