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# The People's Vote

100 Documents that Shaped America

America's history is built on words and ideas. Which were the most significant of all? Cast your vote: select the ten documents that best define who we are as a people and what our nation stands for. For more information on the documents, visit [www.ourdocuments.gov](http://www.ourdocuments.gov).

1. Lee Resolution, 1776
2. Declaration of Independence, 1776
3. Articles of Confederation, 1777
4. Treaty of Alliance with France, 1778
5. Original Design of the Great Seal of the United States, 1782
6. Treaty of Paris, 1783
7. Virginia Plan, 1787
8. Northwest Ordinance, 1787
9. Constitution of the United States, 1787
10. Federalist Paper No. 10, 1787; No. 51, 1788\*\*
11. President George Washington's First Inaugural Speech, 1789
12. Federal Judiciary Act, 1789
13. Bill of Rights, 1791
14. Patent for Cotton Gin, 1794
15. President George Washington's Farewell Address, 1796\*\*
16. Alien and Sedition Acts, 1798
17. Jefferson's Secret Message to Congress Regarding Lewis & Clark Expedition, 1803
18. Louisiana Purchase Treaty, 1803
19. Marbury v Madison, 1803
20. The Treaty of Ghent, 1814
21. McCulloch v Maryland, 1819
22. Missouri Compromise, 1820
23. Monroe Doctrine, 1823
24. Gibbons v Ogden, 1824
25. President Andrew Jackson's Message to Congress "On Indian Removal," 1830
26. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848
27. Compromise of 1850
28. Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854
29. Dred Scott v Sanford, 1857
30. Telegram Announcing the Surrender of Fort Sumter, 1861
31. Homestead Act, 1862

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My vote for the top ten documents (select by number) are:

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Other (write-in document) \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

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Under 18  18-34  35-49  50+

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Northeast  Mid Atlantic  Southeast  Midwest

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South Central  Southwest  Northwest  Other

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- 32. Pacific Railway Act, 1862
- 33. Morrill Act, 1862
- 34. Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
- 35. War Department General Order 143: Creation of the U.S. Colored Troops, 1863
- 36. Gettysburg Address, 1863\*\*
- 37. Wade-Davis Bill, 1864
- 38. President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, 1865\*\*
- 39. Articles of Agreement Relating to the Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, 1865
- 40. 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Abolition of Slavery, 1865
- 41. Check for the Purchase of Alaska, 1868
- 42. Treaty of Fort Laramie, 1868
- 43. 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights, 1868
- 44. 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Voting Rights, 1870
- 45. Act Establishing Yellowstone National Park, 1872
- 46. Thomas Edison's Patent Application for the Light Bulb, 1880
- 47. Chinese Exclusion Act, 1882
- 48. Pendleton Act, 1883
- 49. Interstate Commerce Act, 1887
- 50. Dawes Act, 1887
- 51. Sherman Anti-Trust Act, 1890
- 52. Plessy v Ferguson, 1896
- 53. De Lôme Letter, 1898
- 54. Joint Resolution to Provide for Annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States, 1898
- 55. Platt Amendment, 1903
- 56. Theodore Roosevelt's Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, 1905
- 57. 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Federal Income Tax, 1913
- 58. 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Direct Election of U.S. Senators, 1913
- 59. Keating-Owen Child Labor Act, 1916
- 60. Zimmermann Telegram, 1917
- 61. Joint Address to Congress Leading to a Declaration of War Against Germany, 1917
- 62. President Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points, 1918
- 63. 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Women's Right to Vote, 1920
- 64. Boulder Canyon Project Act, 1928
- 65. Tennessee Valley Authority Act, 1933
- 66. National Industrial Recovery Act, 1933
- 67. National Labor Relations Act, 1935
- 68. Social Security Act, 1935
- 69. President Franklin Roosevelt's Radio Address unveiling second half of the New Deal, 1936
- 70. President Franklin Roosevelt's Annual Message (Four Freedoms) to Congress, 1941
- 71. Lend-Lease Act, 1941
- 72. Executive Order 8802: Prohibition of Discrimination in the Defense Industry, 1941
- 73. Joint Address to Congress Leading to a Declaration of War Against Japan, 1941
- 74. Executive Order 9066: Japanese Relocation Order, 1942
- 75. General Eisenhower's Order of the Day, June 6, 1944
- 76. Servicemen's Readjustment Act, 1944
- 77. Manhattan Project Notebook, 1945
- 78. Surrender of Germany, 1945
- 79. United Nations Charter, 1945
- 80. Surrender of Japan, 1945
- 81. Truman Doctrine, 1947
- 82. Marshall Plan, 1948
- 83. Press Release Announcing U.S. Recognition of Israel, 1948
- 84. Executive Order 9981: Desegregation of the Armed Forces, 1948
- 85. Armistice Agreement for the Restoration of the South Korean State, 1953
- 86. Senate Resolution 301: Censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy, 1954
- 87. Brown v Board of Education, 1954
- 88. National Interstate and Defense Highways Act, 1956
- 89. Executive Order 10730: Desegregation of Central High School, 1957
- 90. President Eisenhower's Farewell Address, 1961
- 91. President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address, 1961
- 92. Executive Order 10924: Establishment of the Peace Corps, 1961
- 93. Transcript of John Glenn's Official Communication With the Command Center, 1962
- 94. Aerial Photograph of Missiles in Cuba, 1962
- 95. Test Ban Treaty, 1963
- 96. Official Program for the March on Washington, 1963
- 97. Civil Rights Act, 1964
- 98. Tonkin Gulf Resolution, 1964
- 99. Social Security Act Amendments, 1965
- 100. Voting Rights Act, 1965

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