

Speech on Democracy by Diane Lawson

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Ladies and Gentleman, According to our **Constitution We The People Are All Created and Entitled to Respect and Equality.**

The studies and writing of these four men; **Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Julian Bond and the Constitution of the United States**, these needs to be study in our class rooms. **We need to be sure that our Democracy does not die, to ensure equality remains for all people.**

There are five interesting quotes I would like to finish with, one is by Julian Bond; “Many are attracted to social service - the rewards are immediate, the gratification quick. But if we have social justice, we won't need social service.

“Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world...

— *1st sentence of the Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

— *Article 1 of the [United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)*

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, to ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Our Preamble

And finally ending with Abraham Lincoln, who;

Made it the centerpiece of his rhetoric (as in the [Gettysburg Address](#) of 1863), and his policies. Since then, it has become a well-known statement on [human rights](#), particularly its second sentence:

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](#). This was in fact the actual word of the writings of the original Congressional Declaration of Independence on the July 4th, 1776.

It has been my privilege and honor to share a little on Democracy here tonight, Thank you.

FootNotes:

abrahamlincolnonline.org– Abraham Lincoln’s Address before the Young Men Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois. January 27th, 1838

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