

# Gertrude Stein

## Quotes

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Art, Country, Believe, Interesting, Two, Money, Answers, Dog, Important,  
America*

Whoever said money can't buy happiness didn't know where to shop

~Gertrude Stein

Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense.

~Gertrude Stein

A vegetable garden in the beginning looks so promising and then after all little by little it grows nothing but vegetables, nothing, nothing but vegetables.

~Gertrude Stein

You'll be old and you never lived, and you kind of feel silly to lie down and die and to never have lived, to have been a job chaser and never have lived.

~Gertrude Stein

You are all a lost generation.

~Gertrude Stein

America is my country and Paris is my hometown.

~Gertrude Stein

In the morning there is meaning, in the evening there is feeling.

~Gertrude Stein

Love: the skillful audacity required to share an inner life.

~Gertrude Stein

What was the use of my having come from Oakland it was not natural to have come from there yes write about it if I like or anything if I like but not there, there is no there there.

~Gertrude Stein

That is what you are. That's what you all are...All of you young people who served in the war. You are a lost generation.

~Gertrude Stein

Every day is a renewal, every morning the daily miracle. This joy you feel is life.

~Gertrude Stein

It takes a lot of time to be a genius, you have to sit around so much doing nothing, really doing nothing.

~Gertrude Stein

You look ridiculous if you dance You look ridiculous if you don't dance  
So you might as well dance.

~Gertrude Stein

It is the soothing thing about history that it does repeat itself.

~Gertrude Stein

There are two kinds of men and women, those who have in them resisting as their way of winning those who have in them attacking as their way of winning.

~Gertrude Stein

We are always the same age inside.

~Gertrude Stein

It is awfully important to know what is and what is not your business

~Gertrude Stein

There is no there there.

~Gertrude Stein

Forensics is eloquence and reduction.

~Gertrude Stein

When in a museum, walk slowly but keep walking.

~Gertrude Stein

Ladies there is no neutral position for us to assume.

~Gertrude Stein

Everybody thinks that this civilization has lasted a very long time but it really does take very few grandfathers' granddaughters to take us back to the dark ages.

~Gertrude Stein

Everybody knows if you are too careful you are so occupied in being careful that you are sure to stumble over something.

~Gertrude Stein

An audience is always warming but it must never be necessary to your work.

~Gertrude Stein

One must dare to be happy.

~Gertrude Stein

A writer should write with his eyes and a painter paint with his ears.

~Gertrude Stein

Before the flowers of friendship faded friendship faded.

~Gertrude Stein

art is the pulse of a nation.

~Gertrude Stein

Anything one does every day is important and imposing and anywhere

one lives is interesting and beautiful.

~Gertrude Stein

In America ... who is to stop congress from spending too much money. They will not stop themselves, that is certain. Everybody has to think about that now. Who is to stop them.

~Gertrude Stein

Money is always there but the pockets change.

~Gertrude Stein

You are extraordinary within your limits, but your limits are extraordinary!

~Gertrude Stein

Argument is to me the air I breathe. Given any proposition, I cannot help believing the other side and defending it.

~Gertrude Stein

It is natural to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes to that siren until she allures us to our death.

~Gertrude Stein

You are so afraid of losing your moral sense that you are not willing to take it through anything more dangerous than a mud-puddle.

~Gertrude Stein

I could never be one of two I could never be two in one as married couples do and can, I am but one all one, one and all one, and so I have never been married to any one.

~Gertrude Stein

Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose.

~Gertrude Stein

What is marriage, is marriage protection or religion, is marriage renunciation or abundance, is marriage a stepping-stone or an end. What is marriage.

~Gertrude Stein

I have always noticed that in portraits of really great writers the mouth is always firmly closed.

~Gertrude Stein

I just tell you and though I dont sound like it I've got plenty of sense, there aint any answer, there aint going to be any answer, there never has been any answer, that's the answer.

~Gertrude Stein

One does not get better but different and older and that is always a pleasure.

~Gertrude Stein

Writing and reading is to me synonymous with existing.

~Gertrude Stein

In a war everybody always knows all about Switzerland, in peace times it is just Switzerland but in war time it is the only country that everybody has confidence in, everybody.

~Gertrude Stein

It is funny the two things most men are proudest of is the thing that any man can do and doing does in the same way, that is being drunk and being the father of their son.

~Gertrude Stein

This is the lesson that history teaches: repetition.

~Gertrude Stein

Why should a sequence of words be anything but a pleasure?

~Gertrude Stein

You cannot go into the womb to form the child; it is there and makes itself and comes forth whole-and there it is and you have made it and have felt it, but it has come itself.

~Gertrude Stein

I like the feeling of words doing as they want to do and as they have to do.

~Gertrude Stein

A diary means yes indeed.

~Gertrude Stein

When they are alone they want to be with others, and when they are with others they want to be alone. After all, human beings are like that.

~Gertrude Stein

A creator is not in advance of his generation but he is the first of his contemporaries to be conscious of what is happening to his generation.

~Gertrude Stein

I don't envisage collectivism. There is no such animal, it is always individualism, sometimes the rest vote and sometimes they do not, and if they do they do and if they do not they do not.

~Gertrude Stein

Any time is the time to make a poem.

~Gertrude Stein

I murmured to Picasso that I liked his portrait of Gertrude Stein. Yes, he said, everybody said that she does not look like it, but that does not

make any difference, she will, he said.

~Gertrude Stein

Action and reaction are equal and opposite.

~Gertrude Stein

Do not forget birthdays. This is in no way a propaganda for a larger population.

~Gertrude Stein

Communists are people who fancied that they had an unhappy childhood.

~Gertrude Stein

I have declared that patience is never more than patient. I too have declared, that I who am not patient am patient.

~Gertrude Stein

Generally speaking anybody is more interesting doing nothing than doing anything.

~Gertrude Stein

I really do not know that anything has ever been more exciting than diagramming sentences.

~Gertrude Stein

There is no such thing as repetition. Only insistance.

~Gertrude Stein

I am I because my little dog knows me.

~Gertrude Stein

Considering how dangerous everything is, nothing is really very frightening.



~Gertrude Stein

A very important thing is not to make up your mind that you are any one thing.

~Gertrude Stein

A masterpiece... may be unwelcome but it is never dull.

~Gertrude Stein

There ain't no answer. There ain't gonna be any answer. There never has been an answer. That's the answer.

~Gertrude Stein

It is extraordinary that when you are acquainted with a whole family you can forget about them.

~Gertrude Stein

If you knew it all it would not be creation but dictation.

~Gertrude Stein

I like a view but I like to sit with my back turned to it.

~Gertrude Stein

In France one must adapt oneself to the fragrance of a urinal.

~Gertrude Stein

there are the two sides to a Frenchman, logic and fashion and that is the reason why French people are exciting and peaceful. Logic and fashion.

~Gertrude Stein

you are brilliant and subtle if you come from Iowa and really strange and you live as you live and you are always very well taken care of if you come from Iowa.

~Gertrude Stein

In America, everybody is, but some are more than others.

~Gertrude Stein

If you are looking down while you are walking it is better to walk up hill the ground is nearer.

~Gertrude Stein

Let me listen to me and not to them.

~Gertrude Stein

It is not what France gave you but what it did not take from you that was important.

~Gertrude Stein

I am writing for myself and strangers. This is the only way that I can do it.

~Gertrude Stein

Forget grammar and think about potatoes

~Gertrude Stein

Is it worse to be scared than to be bored, that is the question.

~Gertrude Stein

When you get there, there isn't any there there.

~Gertrude Stein

The contemporary thing in art and literature is the thing which doesn't make enough difference to the people of that generation so that they can accept it or reject it.

~Gertrude Stein

Sculpture is made with two instruments and some supports and pretty air.

~Gertrude Stein

Counting is the religion of this generation it is its hope and its salvation.

~Gertrude Stein

Name any name and then remember everybody you ever knew who bore that name. Are they all alike. I think so.

~Gertrude Stein

... when there is a war the years are longer that is to say the days are longer the months are longer the years are much longer but the weeks are shorter that is what makes a war.

~Gertrude Stein

A real failure does not need an excuse. It is an end in itself.

~Gertrude Stein

The nineteenth century was completely lacking in logic, it had cosmic terms and hopes, and aspirations, and discoveries, and ideals but it had no logic.

~Gertrude Stein

The deepest thing in any one is the conviction of the bad luck that follows boasting.

~Gertrude Stein

What is the answer? In that case, what is the question?

~Gertrude Stein

Men and girls, men and girls: Artificial swine and pearls.

~Gertrude Stein

Money is always there but the pockets change; it is not in the same pockets after a change, and that is all there is to say about money.

~Gertrude Stein

It is extraordinary that whole populations have no projects for the future, none at all. It certainly is extraordinary, but it is certainly true.

~Gertrude Stein

Honesty is a selfish virtue. Yes I am honest enough.

~Gertrude Stein

You have to know what you want to get it.

~Gertrude Stein

Nature is commonplace. Imitation is more interesting.

~Gertrude Stein

The only thing that is different from one time to another is what is seen and what is seen depends upon how everybody is doing everything.

~Gertrude Stein

The creator of the new composition in the arts is an outlaw until he is a classic.

~Gertrude Stein

The nineteenth century believed in science but the twentieth century does not.

~Gertrude Stein

This is the place of places and and it is here.

~Gertrude Stein

There is too much fathering going on just now and there is no doubt about it fathers are depressing.

~Gertrude Stein

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