

# James F. Cooper

## Quotes

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Ignorance and superstition ever bear a close and mathematical relation to each other.

~James F. Cooper

It is better for a man to die at peace with himself than to live haunted by an evil conscience!

~James F. Cooper

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods, There is a rapture on the lonely shore.

~James F. Cooper

Hope is the most treacherous of all human fancies.

~James F. Cooper

Individuality is the aim of political liberty.

~James F. Cooper

Death is appalling to those of the most iron nerves, when it comes quietly and in the stillness and solitude of night.

~James F. Cooper

The press, like fire, is an excellent servant, but a terrible master.

~James F. Cooper

Party leads to vicious, corrupt and unprofitable legislation, for the sole purpose of defeating party.

~James F. Cooper

Friendship that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.

~James F. Cooper

A soul,--a spark of the never-dying flame that separates man from all

the other beings of earth.

~James F. Cooper

It is a besetting vice of democracies to substitute public opinion for law. This is the usual form in which masses of men exhibit their tyranny.

~James F. Cooper

The expanse of the ocean is seldom seen by the novice with indifference.

~James F. Cooper

Systems are to be appreciated by their general effects, and not by particular exceptions.

~James F. Cooper

Much was said and written, at the time, concerning the policy of adding the vast regions of Louisiana, to the already immense, and but half-tenanted territories of the United-States.

~James F. Cooper

Many words are in a state of mutation, the pronunciation being unsettled even in the best society, a result that must often arise where language is as variable and undetermined as the English.

~James F. Cooper

Candor is a proof of both a just frame of mind, and of a good tone of breeding. It is a quality that belongs equally to the honest man and to the gentleman.

~James F. Cooper

History, like love, is so apt to surround her heroes with an atmosphere of imaginary brightness.

~James F. Cooper

There are evils worse than death.

~James F. Cooper

The tendency of democracies is, in all things, to mediocrity.

~James F. Cooper

Whenever the government of the United States shall break up, it will probably be in consequence of a false direction having been given to public opinion.

~James F. Cooper

The minority of a country is never known to agree, except in its efforts to reduce and oppress the majority.

~James F. Cooper

No civilized society can long exist, with an active power in its bosom that is stronger than the law.

~James F. Cooper

The disposition of all power is to abuses, nor does it at all mend the matter that its possessors are a majority.

~James F. Cooper

The common faults of American language are an ambition of effect, a want of simplicity, and a turgid abuse of terms.

~James F. Cooper

What will the axemen do, when they have cut their way from sea to sea?

~James F. Cooper

All greatness of character is dependent on individuality.

~James F. Cooper

The affairs of life embrace a multitude of interests, and he who reasons in any one of them, without consulting the rest, is a visionary unsuited to control the business of the world.

~James F. Cooper

These families, you know, are our upper crust, not upper ten thousand.

~James F. Cooper

Superstition is a quality that seems indigenous to the ocean.

~James F. Cooper

It is a governing principle of nature, that the agency which can produce most good, when perverted from its proper aim, is most productive of evil.

~James F. Cooper

A refined simplicity is the characteristic of all high bred deoprtment, in every country, and a considerate humanity should be the aim of all beneath it.

~James F. Cooper

Everybody says it, and what everybody says must be true.

~James F. Cooper

On the human imagination events produce the effects of time.

~James F. Cooper

The very existence of government at all, infers inequality. The citizen who is preferred to office becomes the superior of those who are not, so long he is the repository of power.

~James F. Cooper

tis hard to live in a world where all look upon you as below them.

~James F. Cooper

America owes most of its social prejudices to the exaggerated religious opinions of the different sects which were so instrumental in establishing the colonies.

~James F. Cooper

Christ, in the parable of the vine dressers, has taught us a sublime lesson of justice, by showing that to the things which are not our own, we can have no just claim.

~James F. Cooper

If the newspapers are useful in overthrowing tyrants, it is only to establish a tyranny of their own.

~James F. Cooper

It is the fate of all things to ripen, and then to decay.

~James F. Cooper

God has given the salt lick to the deer; and He has given to man, red-skin and white, the delicious spring at which to slake his thirst.

~James F. Cooper

The ability to discriminate between that which is true and that which is false is one of the last attainments of the human mind.

~James F. Cooper

Should we distrust the man because his manners are not our manners, and that his skin is dark?

~James F. Cooper

Advice is not a gift, but a debt that the old owe to the young.

~James F. Cooper

The sight of a coward's blood can never make a warrior tremble.

~James F. Cooper

Contact with the affairs of state is one of the most corrupting of the influences to which men are exposed.

~James F. Cooper

The sublimity connected with vastness, is familiar to every eye.

~James F. Cooper

It is seldom men think of death in the pride of their health and strength.

~James F. Cooper

Apathy is the great requisite for the station; for woe betide the wretch who fancies any modicum of zeal.

~James F. Cooper

New York is essentially national in interest, position, pursuits. No one thinks of the place as belonging to a particular state, but to the United States.

~James F. Cooper

The tendency of democracies is, in all things, to mediocrity, since the tastes, knowledge, and principles of the majority form the tribunal of appeal.

~James F. Cooper

Whatever may be the changes produced by man, the eternal round of the seasons is unbroken.

~James F. Cooper

Battles, unlike bargains, are rarely discussed in society.

~James F. Cooper

Hebrews . This book is much superior to most of the writings attributed to St. Paul, though passages in the other books are very admirable.

~James F. Cooper

There is a destiny in war, to which a brave man knows how to submit with the same courage that he faces his foes.

~James F. Cooper

A single glance at the map will make the reader acquainted with the position of the eastern coast of the island of Great Britain, as connected with the shores of the opposite continent.

~James F. Cooper

It's wisest always to be so clad that our friends need not ask us for our names.

~James F. Cooper

We are all human, and all do wrong.

~James F. Cooper

Perfection is always found in maturity, whether it be in the animal or in the intellectual world. Reflection is the mother of wisdom, and wisdom the parent of success.

~James F. Cooper

At no period of the naval history of the world, is it probable that Marines were more important than during the War of the Revolution.

~James F. Cooper

When men struggle for the single life God has given them ... even their own kind seem no more than the beasts of the wood.

~James F. Cooper

The listeners got some such insights into their past lives, as one gets into the darker parts of the woods, when a stray gleam of sunshine finds its way down to the roots of the trees.

~James F. Cooper



No star seemed less than what science has taught us that it is.

~James F. Cooper

Principles . . . become modified in practice, by facts.

~James F. Cooper

Some changes of language are to be regretted, as they lead to false inferences, and society is always a loser by mistaking names for things.

~James F. Cooper

I do not pretend that all that white men do is properly Christianized.

~James F. Cooper

Where are your combing seas, your blue water, your rollers, your breakers, your whales, or your waterspouts, and your endless motion, in this bit of a forest, child?

~James F. Cooper

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