

# James Monroe

## Quotes

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Wise, Character, Army, Presidential, Liberty, Exercise, Mind, Important, Taken,  
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We must support our rights or lose our character, and with it, perhaps, our liberties.

~James Monroe

In a representative republic, the education of our children must be of the utmost importance!

~James Monroe

The best form of government is that which is most likely to prevent the greatest sum of evil.

~James Monroe

A free, virtuous, and enlightened people must know full well the great principles and causes upon which their happiness depends.

~James Monroe

Our country may be likened to a new house. We lack many things, but we possess the most precious of all - liberty!

~James Monroe

The emigrants although of different parties and different religious sects all fled from persecution in pursuit of liberty.

~James Monroe

There is a price tag on human liberty. That price is the willingness to assume the responsibilities of being free men. Payment of this price is a personal matter with each of us.

~James Monroe

It is better to spread trust all around than to hand out money!

~James Monroe

The right of self-defense never ceases. It is among the most sacred, and alike necessary to nations and to individuals.

~James Monroe

The liberty, prosperity, and the happiness of our country will always be the object of my most fervent prayers to the Supreme Author of All Good.

~James Monroe

If it was wise, manly, and patriotic for us to establish a free government, it is equally wise to attend to the necessary means of its preservation.

~James Monroe

Let us by wise and constitutional measures promote intelligence among the people as the best means of preserving our liberties.

~James Monroe

If America wants concessions, she must fight for them. We must purchase our power with our blood.

~James Monroe

A little flattery will support a man through great fatigue.

~James Monroe

By the last returns to the Department of War the militia force of the several States may be estimated at 800,000 men - infantry, artillery, and cavalry.

~James Monroe

National honor is national property of the highest value.

~James Monroe

It is only when the people become ignorant and corrupt, when they degenerate into a populace, that they are incapable of exercising their sovereignty.

~James Monroe

I regret that I should leave this world without again beholding him.

~James Monroe

Peace is the best time for improvement and preparation of every kind; it is in peace that our commerce flourishes most, that taxes are most easily paid, and that the revenue is most productive.

~James Monroe

History has shown that at least one-half of every century is consumed in war.

~James Monroe

The mention of Greece fills the mind with the most exalted sentiments and arouses in our bosoms the best feelings of which our nature is capable.

~James Monroe

[In a republic,] it is not the people themselves who make the decisions, but the people they themselves choose to stand in their places.

~James Monroe

At no period of our political existence had we so much cause to felicitate ourselves at the prosperous and happy condition of our country.

~James Monroe

To impose taxes when the public exigencies require them is an obligation of the most sacred character, especially with a free people.

~James Monroe

If we look to the history of other nations, ancient or modern, we find no example of a growth so rapid, so gigantic, of a people so prosperous and happy.

~James Monroe

The great increase of our population throughout the Union will alone produce an important effect, and in no quarter will it be so sensibly felt as in those in contemplation.

~James Monroe

The payments which have been made into the Treasury show the very productive state of the public revenue.

~James Monroe

The public lands are a public stock, which ought to be disposed of to the best advantage for the nation.

~James Monroe

The movements of a great nation are connected in all their parts. If errors have been committed they ought to be corrected; if the policy is sound it ought to be supported.

~James Monroe

Preparation for war is a constant stimulus to suspicion and ill will.

~James Monroe

There is every reason to believe that our system will soon attain the highest degree of perfection of which human institutions are capable.

~James Monroe

I have great satisfaction in stating that our relations with France, Russia, and other powers continue on the most friendly basis.

~James Monroe

In wars of the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy so to do

~James Monroe

Our relations with the other powers of Europe have experienced no

essential change since the last session.

~James Monroe

The civil war which has so long prevailed between Spain and the Provinces in South America still continues, without any prospect of its speedy termination.

~James Monroe

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