

Patrick Henry Quotes

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The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.

~Patrick Henry

If this be treason, make the most of it!

~Patrick Henry

This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed.

~Patrick Henry

United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs.

~Patrick Henry

The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Yorkers, and New Englanders are no more. I Am Not A Virginian, But An American!

~Patrick Henry

[Our Constitution] is an instrument for the people to restrain the government.

~Patrick Henry

When the American spirit was in its youth, the language of America was different: Liberty, sir, was the primary object.

~Patrick Henry

It is when a people forget God, that tyrants forge their chains.

~Patrick Henry

The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

~Patrick Henry

I know not what others may choose but, as for me, give me liberty or give me death.

~Patrick Henry

I know of no way of judging the future but by the past.

~Patrick Henry

The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed.

~Patrick Henry

Adversity toughens manhood, and the characteristic of the good or the great man is not that he has been exempt from the evils of life, but that he has surmounted them.

~Patrick Henry

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience.

~Patrick Henry

Being a Christian... is a character which I prize far above all this world has or can boast.

~Patrick Henry

My most cherished possession I wish I could leave you is my faith in Jesus Christ, for with Him and nothing else you can be happy, but without Him and with all else you'll never be happy.

~Patrick Henry

Bad men cannot make good citizens. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience are incompatible with freedom.

~Patrick Henry

The militia is our ultimate safety. We can have no security without it. The great object is that every man be armed.

~Patrick Henry

Show me that age and country where the rights and liberties of the people were placed on the sole chance of their rulers being good men, without a consequent loss of liberty?

~Patrick Henry

Caesar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell; and George the Third â€” ['Treason!' cried the Speaker] â€” may profit by their example. If this be treason, make the most of it.

~Patrick Henry

The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone, that renders us invincible.

~Patrick Henry

You ought to be extremely cautious, watchful, jealous of your liberty; for instead of securing your rights, you may lose them forever.

~Patrick Henry

Fear is the passion of slaves.

~Patrick Henry

Are we at last brought to such an humiliating and debasing degradation, that we cannot be trusted with arms for our defense?

~Patrick Henry

The first thing I have at heart is American liberty; the second thing is American union.

~Patrick Henry

The great object is that every man be armed.

~Patrick Henry

Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction?

~Patrick Henry

The eternal difference between right and wrong does not fluctuate, it is immutable.

~Patrick Henry

I believe a time will come when an opportunity will be offered to abolish this lamentable evil.

~Patrick Henry

I shall act as I think my duty requires.

~Patrick Henry

The people have a right to keep and bear arms.

~Patrick Henry

My great objection to this government is, that it does not leave us the means of defending our rights, or of waging war against tyrants.

~Patrick Henry

This house protected by an armed citizen. There is absolutely nothing here worth dying for.

~Patrick Henry

For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst and provide for it.

~Patrick Henry

Have we the means of resisting disciplined armies, when our only defence, the militia, is put in the hands of Congress?

~Patrick Henry

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~Patrick Henry

Perfect freedom is as necessary to the health and vigor of commerce as it is to the health and vigor of citizenship.

~Patrick Henry

O sir, we should have fine times, indeed, if, to punish tyrants, it were only sufficient to assemble the people! Your arms, wherewith you could defend yourselves, are gone.

~Patrick Henry

We have not yet begun to fight.

~Patrick Henry

Human nature will never part with power. Look for an example of a voluntary relinquishment of power from one end of the globe to another - you will find none.

~Patrick Henry

There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us.

~Patrick Henry

We are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of Nature has placed in our power... the battle, sir, is not to the strong alone it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

~Patrick Henry

Liberty ought to be the direct end of your government.

~Patrick Henry

Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot?

~Patrick Henry

I look on that paper (the Constitution) as the most fatal plan that could possibly be conceived to enslave a free people.

~Patrick Henry

The American Revolution was the grand operation, which seemed to be assigned by the Deity to the men of this age in our country, over and above the common duties of life

~Patrick Henry

It is natural to man to indulge in the illusion of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, till she transforms us into beasts.

~Patrick Henry

The whole economy of this lower world proves that it is by labor and perseverance only that good is obtained and evil is avoided.

~Patrick Henry

Give me liberty or give me death.

~Patrick Henry

Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace! - but there is no peace.

~Patrick Henry

Be of good courage, my son, and remember that the best men always make themselves.

~Patrick Henry

I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion.

~Patrick Henry

Liberty, the greatest of all earthly blessings - give us that precious jewel

and you may take everything else!

~Patrick Henry

What right do they have to say "we the people" rather than we the States?

~Patrick Henry

There is a Book worth all other books which were ever printed.

~Patrick Henry

Righteousness alone can exalt them [America] as a nation. Reader! Whoever thou art, remember this, and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself and encourage it in others.

~Patrick Henry

It is the business of a virtuous clergyman to censure vice in every appearance of it.

~Patrick Henry

Hospitality invites to prayer before it checks credentials, welcomes to the table before administering the entrance exam.

~Patrick Henry

Jealousy is the only vice that gives no pleasure

~Patrick Henry

The King has degenerated into a tyrant and forfeits all rights to his subjects' obedience.

~Patrick Henry

The question before the House is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part, I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery

~Patrick Henry

Suspicion is a Virtue, if in the interests of the good of the people.

~Patrick Henry

Oh, how wretched should I be at this moment, if I had not made my peace with God.

~Patrick Henry

Implements of war and subjugation are the last arguments to which kings resort.

~Patrick Henry

We should transmit to posterity our abhorrence of slavery.

~Patrick Henry

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~Patrick Henry

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