

Essential Quotes: The Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945)

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” (**Franklin D. Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address**)

“The people of the United States have not failed.” (**Franklin D. Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address**)

“An act to provide for the general welfare by establishing a system of Federal old-age benefits, and by enabling the several States to make more adequate provision for aged persons, blind persons, dependent and crippled children, maternal and child welfare, public health, and the administration of their unemployment compensation laws; to establish a Social Security Board; to raise revenue; and for other purposes.” (**Social Security Act**)

“We must always be wary of those who with sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal preach the 'ism' of appeasement.” (**Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Message to Congress**)

“In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. . . . The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. . . . The third is freedom from want. . . . The fourth is freedom from fear.” (**Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Message to Congress**)

“Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.” (**Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Pearl Harbor" Speech**)

“As President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of War, and the Military Commanders whom he may from time to time designate . . . to prescribe military areas . . . from which any or all persons may be excluded.” (**Executive Order 9066**)

“I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory!” (**Dwight D. Eisenhower's Order of the Day**)

