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Magna Carta	King John	1215	IP
Journal of the first Landfall	Christopher Columbus	1492	
Letter to the King & Queen of Spain	Christopher Columbus	1492	IP
The Requirement		1513	
Inducements for the Liking of a Voyage Intended Towards Virginia	Richard Hakluyt	1585	
The Mayflower Compact		1620	IP
A Model of Christian Charity	John Winthrop	1630	IP
The Bloody of Tenent of Persecution	Roger Williams	1644	
A Brief Recognition of New-England's Errand into the Wilderness	Samuel Danforth	1670	
The Sovereignty and Goodness of God: Being a Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson	Mary Rowlandson	1682	
Pennsylvania Charter of Privileges		1701	IP
A Modest Enquiry into the Nature and Necessity of Paper Currency	Benjamin Franklin	1729	
John Peter Zenger's Libel Trial		1735	
Necessary Hints to Those That Would be Rich	Benjamin Franklin	1736	IP
Sinners in the Hands of Angry God	Johnathan Edwards	1741	IP
Advice to a Young Tradesman	Benjamin Franklin	1748	IP
The Albany Plan of Union		1754	
The Way to Wealth	Benjamin Franklin	1758	IP
Resolutions of the Stamp Act Congress		1765	IP
Testimony Before the House of Commons	Benjamin Franklin	1766	
Declaration and Resolves	Continental Congress	1774	
Declaration on Taking Up Arms		1775	
Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death	Patrick Henry	1775	IP
Speech on Conciliation with the Colonies	Edmund Burke	1775	S
<i>Common Sense</i> , selection	Thomas Paine	1776	S

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Declaration of Independence	Thomas Jefferson	1776	IP
Letter to John Adams	Abigail Adams	1776	S
Virginia Constitution		1776	
Virginia Declaration of Rights		1776	
Articles of Confederation		1777	S
A Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge	Thomas Jefferson	1779	S
Sentiments of an American Woman	Esther Reed	1780	
What is an American?	Hector St. John de Crevecoeur	1782	
Treaty of Paris		1783	
<i>Notes on the State of Virginia</i> , Query XIX (on agriculture and manufactures)	Thomas Jefferson	1784	S
<i>Notes on the State of Virginia</i> , Query XVIII (on slavery)	Thomas Jefferson	1784	S
diary selections	Martha Ballard	1785	
Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessment	James Madison	1785	S
Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom	Thomas Jefferson	1786	S
Brutus I		1787	
Brutus II		1787	
Constitution of the United States		1787	IP
Federalist, No. 1	Alexander Hamilton	1787	S
Federalist, No. 10	James Madison	1787	IP
New Jersey Plan		1787	
Northwest Ordinance		1787	S
Virginia Plan	James Madison	1787	
Centinel I		1788	
Federalist, No. 39	James Madison	1788	

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Federalist, No. 51	James Madison	1788	S
Maryland Farmer V		1788	
The Republic of the Israelites an Example to the American States	Samuel Langdon	1788	
Bill of Rights	First Congress	1789	IP
Federal Judiciary Act		1789	
First Inaugural Address	George Washington	1789	
Speech on Amendments to the Constitution	James Madison	1789	
Letter to the Hebrew Congregation at Newport	George Washington	1790	
Petition from the Pa. Society for the Abolition of Slavery 1790		1790	
State of the Union Address	George Washington	1790	
Report On Manufacturers	Alexander Hamilton	1791	S
On Parties	James Madison	1792	
On Property	James Madison	1792	S
Fugitive Slave Law		1793	
Pacificus-Helvidius Debate	Alexander Hamilton and James Madison	1793	
Second Inaugural Address	George Washington	1793	
To those who keep slaves, and approve the practice	Richard Allen	1794	
Farewell Address	George Washington	1796	IP
Inaugural Address	John Adams	1797	
Alien and Sedition Acts		1798	S
First Inaugural Address	Thomas Jefferson	1801	IP
Letter to the Danbury Baptist Association	Thomas Jefferson	1802	
Louisiana Purchase Treaty		1803	
Marbury v. Madison	Supreme Court of the United States	1803	IP

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Secret Message to Congress Regarding the Lewis & Clark Expedition	Thomas Jefferson	1803	
Second Inaugural Address	Thomas Jefferson	1805	
First Inaugural Address	James Madison	1809	
Letter to John Adams (on the natural aristoi)	Thomas Jefferson	1813	S
Second Inaugural Address	James Madison	1813	
The Star Spangled Banner		1814	
Treaty of Ghent		1814	
First Inaugural Address	James Monroe	1817	
McCulloch v. Maryland		1819	S
Missouri Compromise		1820	
Monroe Doctrine	James Monroe	1823	S
Gibbons v. Ogden		1824	
Inaugural Address	John Quincy Adams	1825	
Letter to Roger C. Weightman	Thomas Jefferson	1826	S
First Inaugural Address	Andrew Jackson	1829	
Appeal of the Cherokee Nation		1830	IP
Message to Congress on Indian Removal	Andrew Jackson	1830	
Second Reply to Hayne	Daniel Webster	1830	
Webster-Hayne Debates	Daniel Webster and Robert Y. Hayne	1830	
The Liberator: To the Public		1831	
Address to the American People	Choctaw Chief George W. Harkins	1832	
Proclamation Regarding Nullification	Andrew Jackson	1832	
South Carolina Ordinance on Nullification		1832	
Veto Message of the Bill on the Bank of the United States	Andrew Jackson	1832	S

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Worcester v. Georgia	Supreme Court of the United States	1832	
Second Inaugural Address	Andrew Jackson	1833	
Introduction, <i>Democracy in America</i>	Alexis De Tocqueville	1835	
Why are the Americans so Restless in the Midst of Their Prosperity? <i>Democracy in America</i> , Vol. 1, Part 1	Alexis de Tocqueville	1835	S
Why it Can Strictly Be Said That the People Govern in the United States." <i>Democracy in America</i> , Vol. I, Part 2	Alexis De Tocqueville	1835	
A Political Testament	Andrew Jackson	1837	IP
Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge	Supreme Court of the United States	1837	
Concord Hymn	Ralph Waldo Emerson	1837	
Inaugural Address	Martin Van Buren	1837	
On the Perpetuation of our Political Institutions	Abraham Lincoln	1838	S
A Disquisition on Government	John C. Calhoun	1840	
What sort of despotism democratic nations have to fear, <i>Democracy in America</i> , Vol. 2, bk. 4, ch. 6	Alexis de Tocqueville	1840	S
Constitution of the Brook Farm Association		1841	
Memorial on Asylums	Dorothea L. Dix	1843	
Speech against the War with Mexico	Abraham Lincoln	1848	
Seneca Falls Declaration of 1848		1848	IP
Speech on the Oregon Bill	John C. Calhoun	1848	
Compromise of 1850		1850	
Ain't I a Woman?	Sojourner Truth	1851	IP
What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?	Frederick Douglass	1852	IP
"Economy," from Walden	Henry David Thoreau	1854	

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Speech on the Repeal of the Missouri Compromise	Abraham Lincoln	1854	
Dred Scott v. Sandford (60 U.S. 393)	Supreme Court of the United States	1857	IP
House Divided Speech	Abraham Lincoln	1858	S
Debate at Freeport	Lincoln and Douglas	1858	IP
First Debate at Ottawa, IL	Lincoln and Douglas	1858	
South Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas Secession Declarations		1860	
Cornerstone Speech	Alexander H. Stephens	1861	S
First Inaugural Address	Abraham Lincoln	1861	S
Fragment on the Constitution and Union	Abraham Lincoln	1861	S
The Battle Hymn of the Republic		1861	
The Constitution of the Confederate States of America		1861	
Homestead Act		1862	
Letter to President Lincoln	George McClellan	1862	
Morrill Act		1862	
Pacific Railway Act		1862	
Gettysburg Address	Abraham Lincoln	1863	IP
Emancipation Proclamation	Abraham Lincoln	1863	
War Department General Order 143: Creation of the U.S. Colored Troops		1863	
Wade-Davis Bill		1864	
13th Amendment: Abolition of Slavery		1865	
Articles of Agreement Relating to the Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia		1865	
Resolution Submitting the 13th Amendment to the States	Abraham Lincoln	1865	
Second Inaugural Address	Abraham Lincoln	1865	IP

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Appeal to Congress for Impartial Suffrage	Frederick Douglass	1867	
14th Amendment: Civil Rights		1868	
Treaty of Fort Laramie		1868	
15th Amendment: Voting Rights		1870	
Act Establishing Yellowstone National Park		1872	
Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln	Frederick Douglass	1876	
Preamble to the Constitution of the Knights of Labor		1878	
Chinese Exclusion Act		1882	
Address to the Louisville Convention	Frederick Douglass	1883	
Civil Rights Cases		1883	
Pendleton Act		1883	
Triumphant Democracy	Andrew Carnegie	1886	
Interstate Commerce Act		1887	
Sherman Anti-Trust		1890	
The Negro Question in the South	Thomas E. Watson	1892	
The Pledge of Allegiance		1892	
The Moral Leadership of the Religious Press	Susan B. Anthony	1893	IP
Atlanta Exposition Address	Booker T. Washington	1895	S
Cross of Gold Speech	William Jennings Bryan	1896	
Plessy v. Ferguson	Supreme Court of the United States	1896	IP
The Conservation of Races	W.E.B. Du Bois	1897	
Joint Resolution to Provide for Annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States		1898	
The Strenuous Life	Theodore Roosevelt	1899	

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Platt Amendment		1901	
Second Inaugural Address	William McKinley	1901	
A Resemblance and Contrast: Between the American Negro and the Children of Israel in Egypt, or the Duty of the Negro to Contend Earnestly for his Rights Guaranteed under the Constitution	Francis J. Grimke	1902	
Of Booker T. Washington and Others	W.E.B. Du Bois	1903	
Of Our Spiritual Strivings	W.E.B. Du Bois	1903	
Monroe Doctrine Corollary	Theodore Roosevelt	1904	S
Inaugural Address	Theodore Roosevelt	1905	
Lochner v. New York	Supreme Court of the United States	1905	
Niagara Movement Address	W.E.B. Du Bois	1905	
The Jungle, extract	Upton Sinclair	1906	
<i>Constitutional Government in the United States</i> (excerpt)	Woodrow Wilson	1908	S
New Nationalism Speech	Theodore Roosevelt	1910	
What Does the Working Man Want?	Samuel Gompers	1910	IP
Why Women Should Vote	Jane Addams	1910	
Progressive Party Platform		1912	
What is Progress?	Woodrow Wilson	1912	
Who is a Progressive?	Theodore Roosevelt	1912	
16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Federal Income Tax		1913	
17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Direct Election of U.S. Senators		1913	
First Inaugural Address	Woodrow Wilson	1913	
The Heirs of Abraham Lincoln	Theodore Roosevelt	1913	

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History and Faith	J. Grechem Machen	1915	
Address to Congress Leading to a Declaration of War Against Germany	Woodrow Wilson	1917	
Zimmermann Telegram		1917	
"Fourteen Points" Speech	Woodrow Wilson	1918	IP
Statement to the Supreme Court	Eugene Debs	1918	IP
The Espionage Act of 1918		1918	
19th Amendment: Women's Right to Vote		1920	IP
Shall the Fundamentalists Win?	Harry Emerson Fosdick	1922	
Immigration Act		1924	
Speech on the 150th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence	Calvin Coolidge	1926	
obituary excerpts of Andrew Carnegie and Big Bill Haywood	John Dos Passos	1930	IP
Commonwealth Club Address	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1932	S
Toward a Soviet America	William Z. Foster	1932	IP
First Inaugural Address	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933	IP
National Industrial Recovery Act		1933	
Tennessee Valley Authority Act		1933	
Who are the Americans?	Earl Browder	1934	IP
Address to the Young Democratic Clubs of America	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1935	S
Social Security Act		1935	IP
Speech on the Social Security Act	Francis Perkins	1935	S
Wagner Act		1935	
Acceptance of Nomination for Second Term	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1936	
New Deal Liberalism: A Defense	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1936	IP
Fireside Chat on Plan to Reorganize the Judiciary	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1937	
Palko v. CT	Supreme Court of the United States	1937	

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Smith Act		1940	IP
Address to Congress (Pearl Harbor Speech)	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1941	IP
Annual Message to Congress (Four Freedoms Speech)	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1941	IP
Declaration of War on Germany	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1941	
Declaration of War on Japan	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1941	S
Executive Order 9066: Resulting in the Relocation of Japanese	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1942	IP
Manhattan Project Notebook		1942	
West Virginia State Board of Education v Barnette	Supreme Court of the United States	1943	
Korematsu v. United States	Supreme Court of the United States	1944	IP
Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G.I. Bill)		1944	
State of the Union Address (Second Bill of Rights)	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1944	
Selected Manhattan Project documents regarding the use of the bombs		1945	
Surrender of Germany		1945	
Surrender of Japan		1945	
United Nations Charter		1945	
The Long Telegram	George F. Kennan	1946	
Marshall Plan	George Marshall	1947	IP
Press Release Announcing U.S. Recognition of Israel		1947	
The Sources of Soviet Conduct	George F. Kennan	1947	IP
Truman Doctrine	Harry S Truman	1947	IP
Executive Order 9981: Desegregation of the Armed Forces		1948	
Address on Korea	Harry S Truman	1950	
Enemies Within	Joseph McCarthy	1950	IP

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I Shall go to Korea Speech	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1952	
A Statement of Policy	John Foster Dulles	1954	
Bolling v. Sharpe	Supreme Court of the United States	1954	
Brown v. Board of Education	Supreme Court of the United States	1954	IP
Senate Resolution 301: Censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy		1954	
National Interstate and Defense Highways Act		1956	
Executive Order 10730: Desegregation of Central High School		1957	
Executive Order 10924: Establishment of the Peace Corps	John F. Kennedy	1961	
Farewell Address	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1961	
Inaugural Address	John F. Kennedy	1961	IP
Port Huron Statement	Students for a Democratic Society	1962	
Report on Poverty	Michael Harrington	1962	
Transcript of Official Communication with the Command Center	John Glenn	1962	
I Have A Dream Speech	Martin Luther King	1963	S
Letter from Birmingham Jail	Martin Luther King	1963	IP
A Time for Choosing	Ronald Reagan	1964	
Acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention	Barry Goldwater	1964	
Ballot or Bullet Speech	Malcolm X	1964	
Civil Rights Act		1964	IP
Commencement Address, University of Michigan (Great Society Speech)	Lyndon B. Johnson	1964	
Gulf of Tonkin resolution		1964	
New York Times v. Sullivan	Supreme Court of the United States	1964	

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State of the Union Address (War on Poverty)	Lyndon B. Johnson	1964	IP
Commencement Address at Howard University: "To Fulfill These Rights"	Lyndon B. Johnson	1965	
Griswold v. Connecticut	Supreme Court of the United States	1965	
State Department White Paper on Vietnam		1965	S
The Negro Family: The Case for National Action	Daniel Patrick Moynihan	1965	IP
Voting Rights Act		1965	
Miranda v. Arizona	Supreme Court of the United States	1966	
Position Paper	Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee	1966	
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons		1968	
After Black Power, Women's Liberation	Gloria Steinheim	1969	IP
First Inaugural Address	Richard M. Nixon	1969	
Frontiero v. Richardson	Supreme Court of the United States	1973	
Preface to "Our Bodies, Ourselves"	Vilunya Diskin and Wendy Coppedge Sanford	1973	
Roe v. Wade	Supreme Court of the United States	1973	S
War Powers Resolution		1973	

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United States v. Nixon	Supreme Court of the United States	1974	
Commencement Speech at Notre Dame: Human Rights and Foreign Policy	Jimmy Carter	1977	
Regents of the U. of California v. Bakke	Supreme Court of the United States	1978	
Crisis of Confidence Speech	Jimmy Carter	1979	
First Inaugural Address	Ronald Reagan	1981	
Address to the British Parliament	Ronald Reagan	1982	
On the Crisis of Communism	Ronald Reagan	1982	
State of the Union Address (critique of welfare state)	Ronald Reagan	1982	
Address to the National Association of Evangelicals	Ronald Reagan	1983	
Second Inaugural Address	Ronald Reagan	1985	
Speech to the Text and Teaching Symposium (against "original intent")	William Brennan	1985	
Texas v. Johnson (flag-burning case)	Supreme Court of the United States	1989	
Planned Parenthood v. Casey	Supreme Court of the United States	1992	
Speaking in a Judicial Voice (critique of Roe v. Wade)	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	1992	
Remarks at the Welfare Reform Bill Signing	William Clinton	1996	S
Remarks on the Human Genome Project	William Clinton	2000	S
Address to Joint Session of Congress on the Events of September 11	George W. Bush	2001	IP
National Security Strategy of the United States	George W. Bush	2002	
Gratz v. Bollinger	Supreme Court of the United States	2003	
Grutter v. Bollinger	Supreme Court of the United States	2003	

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Lawrence v. Texas	Supreme Court of the United States	2003	
Second Inaugural Address	George W. Bush	2005	
Keynote Address, Call to Renewal Conference (speech on religion)	Barak Obama	2006	
A More Perfect Union (speech on race)	Barak Obama	2008	
Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission	Supreme Court of the United States	2010	