

CIVIC VALUE QUOTE CARDS

COURAGE

strength to withstand
danger, fear, or difficulty

‘Tis the business of little minds
to shrink; but he whose heart
is firm, and whose conscience
approves his conduct, will pursue
his principles unto death.

*-Thomas Paine (1737-1809), patriot
and author of Common Sense*

You gain strength, courage, and
confidence by every experience
in which you really stop to look
fear in the face.

*-Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962),
First Lady of the United States*

Courage is doing what
you’re afraid to do. There
can be no courage unless
you’re scared.

*-Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973),
World War I veteran and hero*

INITIATIVE

action independent of
outside influence

Organization can never be a
substitute for initiative and
for judgment.

*-Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941),
U.S. Supreme Court Justice*

Time is neutral and does not
change things. With courage and
initiative, leaders change things.

*-Jesse Jackson (b. 1941), activist
and civil rights leader*

Anything is possible. You
can be told that you have
a 90-percent chance or
a 50-percent chance or a
1-percent chance, but you
have to believe, and you
have to fight.

-Lance Armstrong (b. 1971), athlete

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HONOR

adherence to virtuous principles; being true to one's word

Ability without honor is useless.

*-Cicero (c. 106 B.C.),
Roman philosopher and statesman*

Honour[^s] connection with virtue is indissoluble.

*-James Wilson (1742-1798),
patriot and Framers of the
United States Constitution*

Always stand on principle, even if you stand alone.

*-John Quincy Adams (1767-1848),
sixth President of the United States*

JUSTICE

being fair in respecting the rights of all

The best and only safe road to honor, glory, and true dignity is justice.

*-George Washington (1732-1799),
first President of the United States*

Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society.

*-James Madison (1751-1836), Father
of the Constitution and fourth
President of the United States*

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

*-Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968),
Baptist minister and civil rights leader*

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MODERATION

avoidance of extremes
or excesses

It is the sign of a great mind
to dislike greatness, and
prefer things in measure to
things in excess.

*-Seneca (c. 565 BC), Roman philosopher
and politician*

This much, then, is clear in all
our conduct, it is the mean that
is to be commended.

*-Aristotle (384-322 BC),
Greek philosopher*

Moderation in temper is always
a virtue; but moderation in
principle is always a vice.

*-Thomas Paine (1737-1809), patriot
and author of Common Sense*

PERSEVERANCE

to persist in spite
of opposition or
discouragement

Perseverance is more prevailing
than violence; and many things
which cannot be overcome when
they are together, yield themselves
up when taken little by little.

*-Plutarch (c. 46-120 AD),
Greek biographer and moralist*

Great difficulties may be
surmounted by patience and
perseverance.

*-Abigail Adams (1744-1818), patriot, wife
of President John Adams and mother of
U.S. President John Quincy Adams*

Perseverance is a great element
of success. If you only knock
long enough and loud enough
at the gate, you are sure to
wake up somebody.

*-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(1807-1882), poet*

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RESPECT

high or special regard

In republics, the great danger is, that the majority may not sufficiently respect the rights of the minority.

*-James Madison (1751-1836),
fourth President of the United States*

A way of life that is odd or even erratic but interferes with no right or interests of others is not to be condemned because it is different.

*-Warren E. Burger (1907-1995),
United States Supreme Court Justice*

Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it. No destructive lies. No ridiculous fears. No debilitating anger.

*-Bill Bradley (b. 1943), basketball player
and U.S. Senator*

RESPONSIBILITY

to answer for
one's conduct

The consciousness of having discharged that duty which we owe to our country is superior to all other considerations.

*-George Washington (1732-1799),
first President of the United States*

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

*-John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874-1960),
philanthropist*

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

*-Bob Dylan (b. 1941),
musician and activist*

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RESOURCEFULNESS

able to act effectively or imaginatively, especially in difficult situations

To cherish and stimulate the activity of the human mind, by multiplying the objects of enterprise, is [how] the wealth of a nation may be promoted.

*-Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804),
U.S. Secretary of the Treasury*

Man's greatness consists in his ability to do and the proper application of his powers to things needed to be done.

*-Frederick Douglass (1818-1895),
abolitionist, author, and orator*

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.

*-Steve Jobs (b. 1955), co-founder
and CEO of Apple, Inc.*

VIGILANCE

being alert, watchful, and willing to assert oneself to protect rights

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

*-Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), author of
the Declaration of Independence and third
President of the United States*

The vigilant and manly spirit which actuates the people of America [is] a spirit which nourishes freedom.

*-James Madison (1751-1836),
Father of the Constitution and fourth
President of the United States*

When good people in any country cease their vigilance... then evil men prevail.

*-Pearl Buck (1892-1973),
American novelist*