"A woman is like a teabag – you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water."

Bessie Coleman
"I knew we had no aviators, neither men nor women."

Bessie Coleman

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"I made my mind up to try. I tried and was successful."

Bessie Coleman
"I knew the Race needed to be represented along this most important line, so I thought it my duty to risk my life to learn aviation."

Bessie Coleman

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"Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes."

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“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”

Frederick Douglass
“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

Frederick Douglass

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“If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.”

Frederick Douglass
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"I prayed for freedom for twenty years, but received no answer until I prayed with my legs."

Frederick Douglass
“Without a struggle, there can be no progress.”

Frederick Douglass

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“I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong.”

Frederick Douglass
“The American people have this to learn: that where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob, and degrade them, neither person nor property is safe.”

Frederick Douglass

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“I had crossed the line. I was free; but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom. I was a stranger in a strange land; and my home after all, was down in Maryland; because my father, my mother, my brothers, and sisters, and friends were there. But I was free, and they should be free.”

Harriett Tubman

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“I was the conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can’t say — I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger.”

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"We are entitled to our own opinions and not obligated to or bound by the opinions of others."

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“Take advantage of every opportunity; where there is none, make it for yourself.”

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"The pen is mightier than the sword, but the tongue is mightier than them both put together"

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"Liberate the minds of men and ultimately you will liberate the bodies of men"

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"With confidence, you have won even before you have started"

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“Next to God we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth living.”

Mary McLeod Bethune

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“Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough.”

Mary McLeod Bethune

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“If we have the courage and tenacity of our forebears, who stood firmly like a rock against the lash of slavery, we shall find a way to do for our day what they did for theirs.”

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“The true worth of a race must be measured by the character of its womanhood.”

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"A woman is free if she lives by her own standards and creates her own destiny, if she prizes her individuality and puts no boundaries on her hopes for tomorrow."

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“I leave you love. I leave you hope. I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another. I leave you respect for the use of power. I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity.”

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