



Quotable Quotes

Choose a quote and follow these ten steps.

Step 1: Draw the quote

Make a picture that visually represents the quote. Integrate the words of the quote into the picture or the frame. Consider unique ways to display the finished art piece.

Step 2: Find the meaning

Write a paragraph explaining what the quote means to you.

Step 3: Opinions & feelings

What do you *think* about the quote? Do you agree or disagree with it? Write your thoughts in a paragraph. How does this quote make you *feel*? Describe your feelings in a separate paragraph.

Step 4: Be creative!

Write a poem, short story, song, or other creative work that includes the quote.

Step 5: Who in history?

Find out who made the quoted statement and when. How was the statement influenced by world events at the time, and what relevance does it have today?

Step 6: The moral of the story is . . .

Write a brief story with a conflict between two characters; characters can be people, animals, or objects. End your story with a life lesson that can be explained through the quote. Conclude with the line, “The moral of the story is [insert the quote].”

Step 7: Comparative study

Select a second quote to compare with the first one. How are their messages alike and different? Consider, for example: “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” —John Dewey, and “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.” —Helen Keller.

Step 8: Putting the quote into practice

How can the quote be used to teach or influence others? How could it be used in a service learning activity?

Step 9: What quote will I be remembered by?

Write a quote of your own for which you’d like to be remembered.

Step 10: Reflect by answering one of these questions.

- What about this quote is most memorable to you?
- Write a letter to the author of this quote, sharing both your thoughts and feelings.
- Who would you like to give this quote to, and why? Describe how you could present the quote to this person so that it has the effect you intend.

**If you find yourself in
a hole, stop digging.**

Will Rogers, Author

**The best and most beautiful
things in the world cannot be seen
or even touched. They must be felt
with the heart.**

Helen Keller, author

*Why not go out on a limb?
Isn't that where the fruit is?*

Frank Scully, Author

**The future depends entirely
on what each of us does
every day.**

Gloria Steinem, Writer

**It's not enough to be busy; so
are the ants. The question is:
What are we busy about?**

Henry David Thoreau, Author

**The greatest danger for most of us is
not that our aim is too high and we
miss it, but that it is too low and we
reach it.**

Michelangelo, Artist

**f you think you're too small to
have an impact, try going to
bed with a mosquito.**

Anita Roddick, Entrepreneur

*Let there be no distance
between the words you say
and the life you live.*

Senator Paul Wellstone

**If you need a helping
hand, you'll find one at
the end of your arm.**

Yiddish Proverb

***You must be the change you
wish to see in the world.***

Mahatma Gandhi, Statesman

**Don't count the days.
Make the days count.**

Mohammed Ali,
professional boxer and activist

**Life is not measured by the
number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that
take our breath away.**

Maya Angelou, poet

**I can't understand why people
are frightened of new ideas.
I'm frightened of the old ones.**
John Cage, composer

**When spider webs are
woven together, they can
tie up a lion.**
Ethiopian Proverb

**The most fulfilled people are those
who get up every morning and stand
for something larger than themselves.**

Wilma Mankiller,
first woman chief of the Cherokee Nation

**They always say time changes
things, but you actually have to
change them yourself.**

Andy Warhol, artist

**Education is the most
powerful weapon that you
can use to change the world.**

Nelson Mandela,
Former President of South Africa

**Circumstances determine our lives.
But we shape our lives by what we
make of our circumstances.**

Sir John Wheeler Bennett, British Historian

**Until you dig a hole, you plant a
tree, you water it and make it
survive, you haven't done a
thing. You are just talking.**

Wangari Maathai, environmental activist

**When the whole world is silent,
even one voice becomes powerful.**

Malala Yousafzai, activist