SPEECH/ DOCUMENT	WHO WROTE THIS? WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?	QUOTE/IDEA WITH AN EXPLANATION
The Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776)	 Thomas Jefferson. Official declared the American colonies independent from Britain. Listed complaints to King George. Explained the importance of developing a new country. 	 "all men are created equal." "that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights" God has given men rights that cannot be taken away (natural rights)
"House Divided" (1858)		
First Inaugural Address (1861)		
Emancipation Proclamation (1863)		

Gettysburg Address (1863)	
Second Inaugural Address (1865)	