

CHASING THE AMERICAN DREAM



FROM RAGS TO RICHES



persistence
→
hard work



prosperity
upward social mobility
success



The origin of the American Dream...



Mass emigration in 19th century



1886



GUSTAVE EIFFEL (1855)



“Give me your tired,
your poor,
your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free.

Emma Lazarus



THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



#FUNFACT ESTIMATED TO BE HIT BY ABOUT 600 BOLTS OF LIGHTNING EVERY YEAR

#OTHER FACTS

A GIFT FROM FRANCE

STATUE IS 151 FT. TALL, PEDESTAL IS 154 FT. TALL

REPRESENTS 'LIBERTAS', THE ROMAN GODDESS OF FREEDOM

7 POINTS OF THE CROWN = 7 SEAS AND CONTINENTS

AMOUNT OF COPPER IN THE STATUE COULD MAKE 30 MILLION PENNIES!

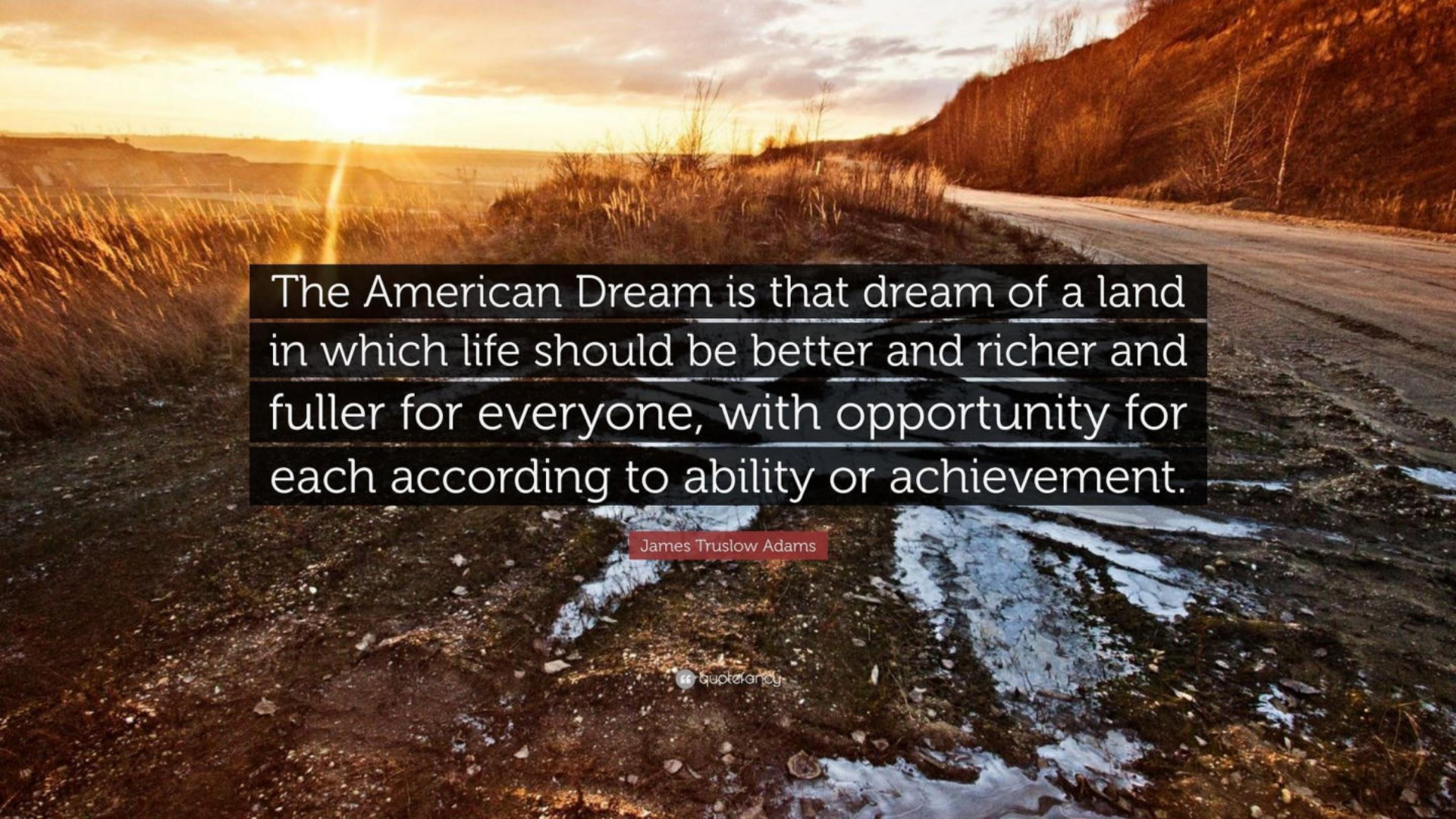
ORIGINALLY BROWN, OXIDATION TURNED IT TO DULL GREEN

DESIGNED BY FREDERIC BARTHOLDI

BUILT BY GUSTAVE EIFFEL

1849





The American Dream is that dream of a land
in which life should be better and richer and
fuller for everyone, with opportunity for
each according to ability or achievement.

James Truslow Adams

Benjamin Franklin

George Washington

John Adams



FOUNDING FATHERS

Each man/woman has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of

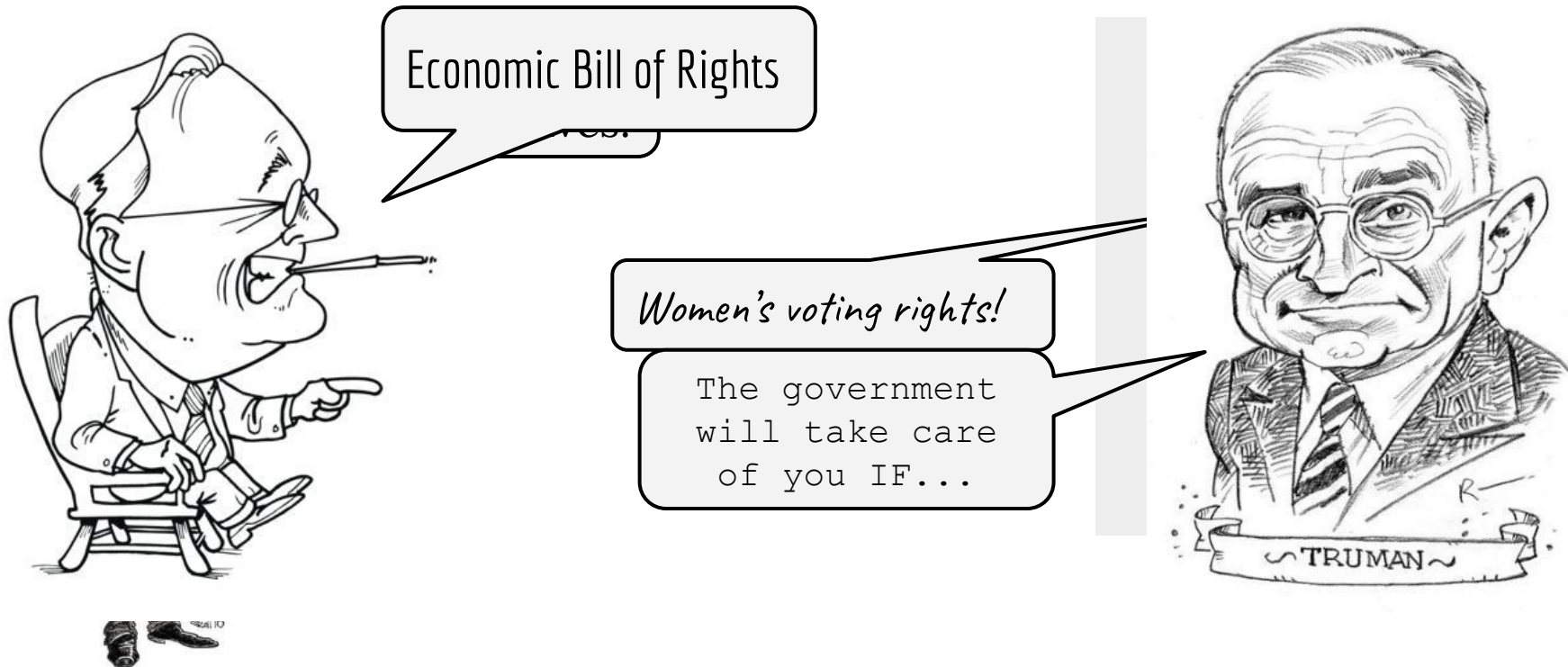
John Jay

Alexander Hamilton

James Madison

Thomas Jefferson

The American dream through the ages...



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En end of
discrimination!

...health care...student loans...



me!



ADVANTAGES AND CRITISM OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

- freedom to make decision
 - aspire to bigger and better things
 - equality
 - opportunity to lead a dignified life
 - possibilities
- a long list of injustices
 - slavery
 - the limitation of the vote
 - the spread of settlers into Native American lands
 - income inequality



Literature and films

- *The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn (Mark Twain)*
- *The Great Gatsby (Francis Scott Fitzgerald)*
- *Forrest Gump*
- *Wall Street*
- *Cinderella*
 - *Disney films - from rags to riches fairy tales*



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