

*Fearless Martha* – Interpret Some Famous Quotes

These quotes are by five American Patriots during the Revolutionary War. What do you think each person meant by their words? Do you agree with them? Why?

1. “We must all hang together, or assuredly we will all hang separately.” (Benjamin Franklin at the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.)
2. “It is like destroying our house in winter...before we have got another shelter.” (John Dickinson, an elected delegate who refused to sign the Declaration of Independence)
3. “We have too many high-sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them.” (Abigail Adams, written in a letter to her husband, second President John Adams)
4. “I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.” (Patrick Henry in a speech to the Virginia Convention in 1775)
5. “If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.” (President George Washington)

