Concluding Words of Wisdom

“The legislator should direct his attention above all to the education of youth; for the neglect of education does harm to the constitution.”

—Aristotle (Politics, 8:1)

“We naturally associate democracy, to be sure, with freedom of action, but freedom of action without freed capacity of thought behind it is only chaos.”

—John Dewey (The Elementary School Teacher, 1903)

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

—John F. Kennedy (Speech prepared but not delivered, November 22, 1963)

“However you might feel about the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, they make you a beneficiary in perpetuity in principles, ideals, and they place an obligation on you.”

—John Henry Faulk (Peter’s Quotations, 1997, 118)

“The strength of the Constitution, lies in the will of the people to defend it.”—Thomas Edison

“Our Constitution is a covenant running from the first generation of Americans to us and then to the future generations. It is a coherent succession. Each generation must learn anew that the Constitution’s written terms embody ideas and aspirations that must survive more ages than one.” —Sandra Day O’Connor (“We the People…” The Citizen and the Constitution, 2002)