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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

"I wish we, the people, had not the whole world against us, but the whole people, who form the Union. We, their rights and holding them sacred, their rights and holding them." — Susan B. Anthony

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"Although through history there has probably been considerable and constant movement in the rights of the people and the health of the nation, we will be able to ensure that the people of this country will be able to exercise their rights, take on the responsibility and the freedom that the people of this country deserve." — Henry Kissinger

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"If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we disagree, we don't believe in it at all." — Noam Chomsky

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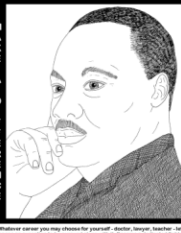


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"Whatever career you may choose for yourself, whether lawyer, teacher, or any other profession, you should always work to become a better person for the world. It is the only way to make a difference in the world. It is the only way to make a better world for all of us." — Martin Luther King Jr.

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"They who pretend to prohibit by all the world the revolutionary doctrine of the rights of the common man. This doctrine has ever since been the heart of the American faith." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties." — Abraham Lincoln

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"The only way to make some people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with." — Eleanor Roosevelt

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"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that they have shared to win them." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

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"No man is above the law and no man below it." — Theodore Roosevelt

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"In every country, we should be teaching our children the scientific method and the values for Bill of Rights. With a better education, health and opportunity, the American dream will be realized by a new and younger generation. The only way to get that dream to come to us and the country to change." — Carl Sagan

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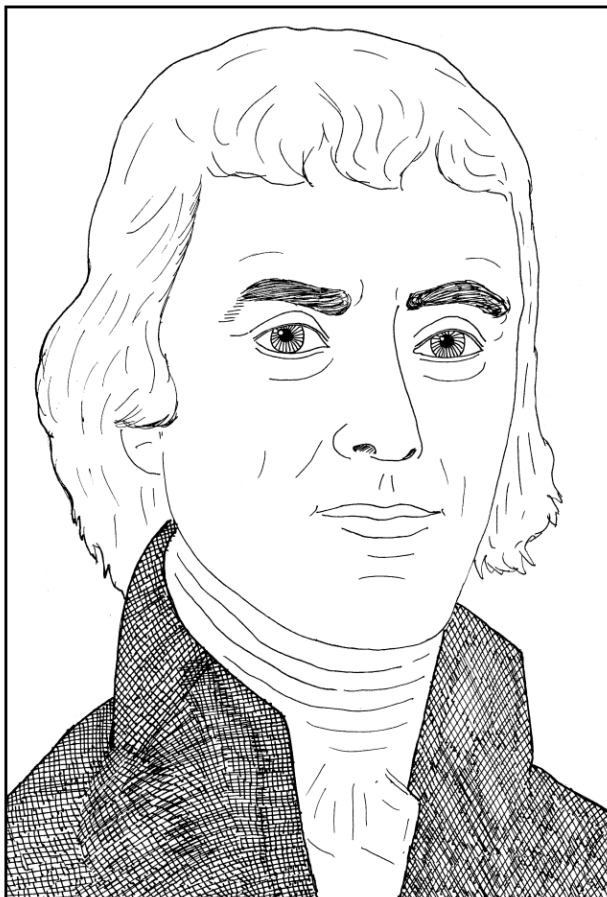


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"The constitution does not provide for first and second class citizens." — Wendell Wilkie

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*Civil Rights* are the rights and privileges to which we are entitled under the laws that govern our nation. After the American Constitution was adopted, some states were concerned that it didn't spell out specific rights to which the new nation's citizens would be entitled. James Madison didn't think a Bill of Rights was necessary, but to keep the states from demanding another Constitutional Convention, he suggested including a bill of rights to amend the Constitution. He helped draft ten Amendments that would come to be known as the Bill of Rights. On December 15, 1791 these Amendments were ratified by three quarters of the states.

In 1941, to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed December 15 should be observed as Bill of Rights Day, with appropriate ceremonies to celebrate the civil rights guaranteed to all citizens by the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights addresses: 1) Freedom of assembly, press, religion and speech, 2) Right to keep and bear arms 3) Rights regarding the housing of soldiers 4) Regulation against unreasonable search and seizure 5) The right to due process and protection against self incrimination 6) Right of trial by jury with public defense if needed 7) right of jury trial in common law 8) Protection against excessive bail, and unusual punishment 9) Nothing in the Constitution can deny the rights of others 10) Granting power to states or to the people for issues not covered in the Constitution.

Bill of Rights Day is an opportunity to honor those who worked to help create an America where all Americans' civil rights are protected and to stand up for the continuing protection of our civil rights guaranteed in the Constitution.

## Do One Thing for a Better World

1. Find out more about the Bill of Rights and the civil rights this document guarantees us all
2. Get involved in a campaign to protect our civil rights
3. Support organizations that protect civil rights for all

## Civil Rights Links

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) ([aclu.org](http://aclu.org))
- Bill of Rights Institute ([billofrightsinstitute.org](http://billofrightsinstitute.org))
- Human Rights Campaign ([hrc.org](http://hrc.org))
- Leadership Conference on Civil Rights ([civilrights.org](http://civilrights.org))
- Southern Poverty Law Center ([splcenter.org](http://splcenter.org))

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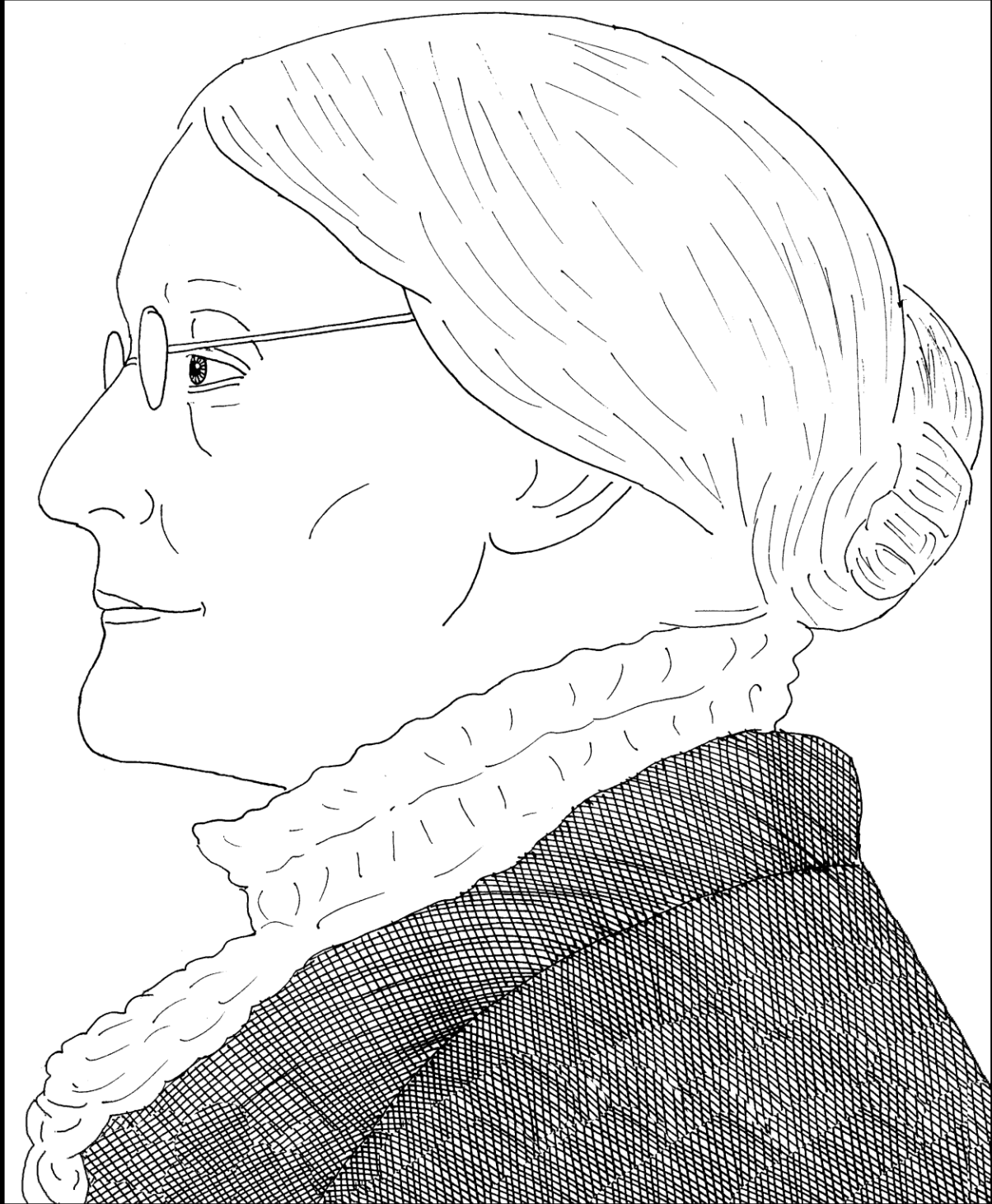
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"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less."  
-- Susan B. Anthony

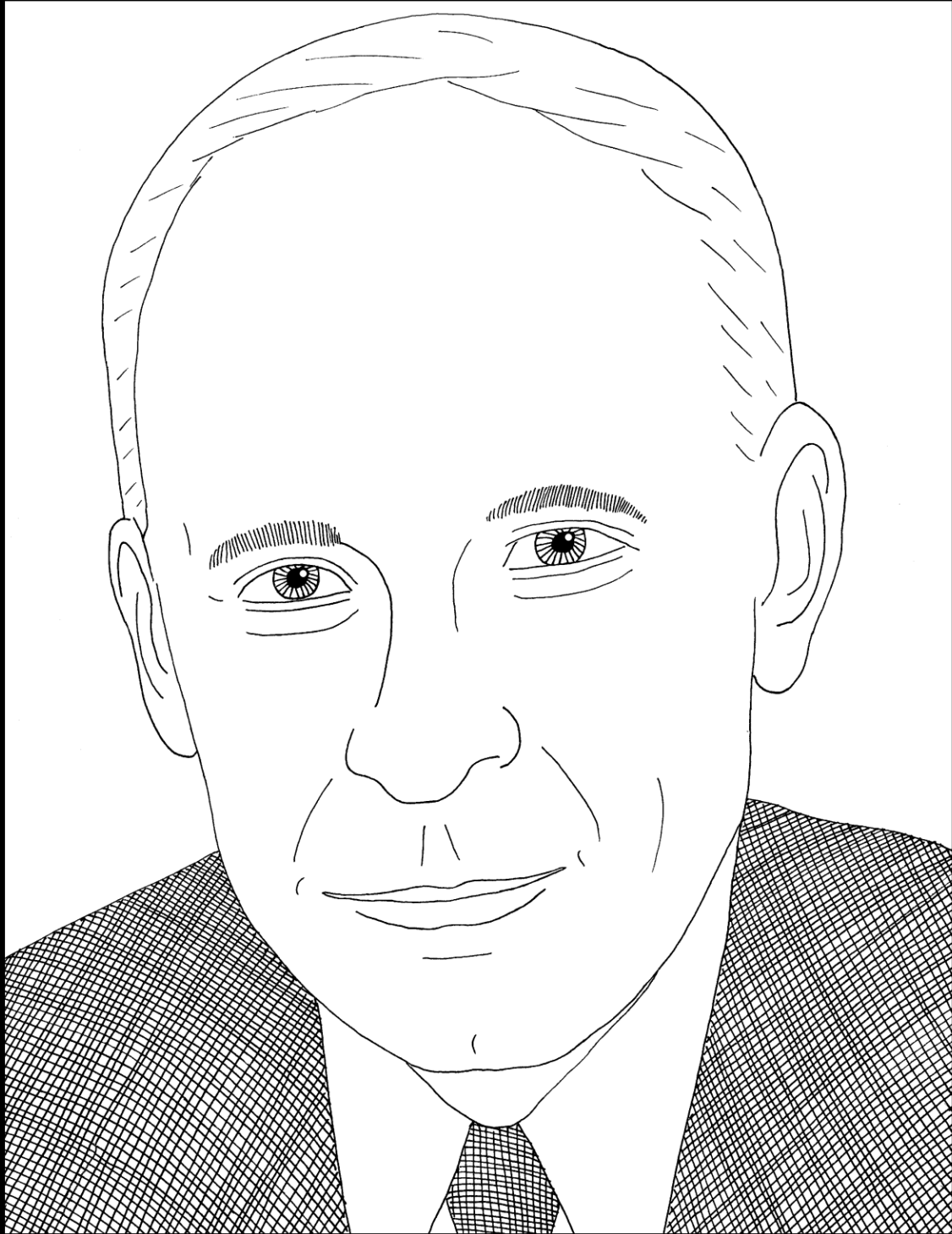
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"Through electing officials that will protect the Constitution and commit themselves to the rights of the people and the health of the nation, we will be able to ensure that no group of ideologues and no private sector institution can coopt our rights, take us into senseless wars and steal the nation from its people."  
-- Harry Belafonte

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-- Noam Chomsky**

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-- George Clooney

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"A people who extend civil liberties only to preferred groups start down the path either to dictatorship of the right or the left."

-- Justice William O. Douglas

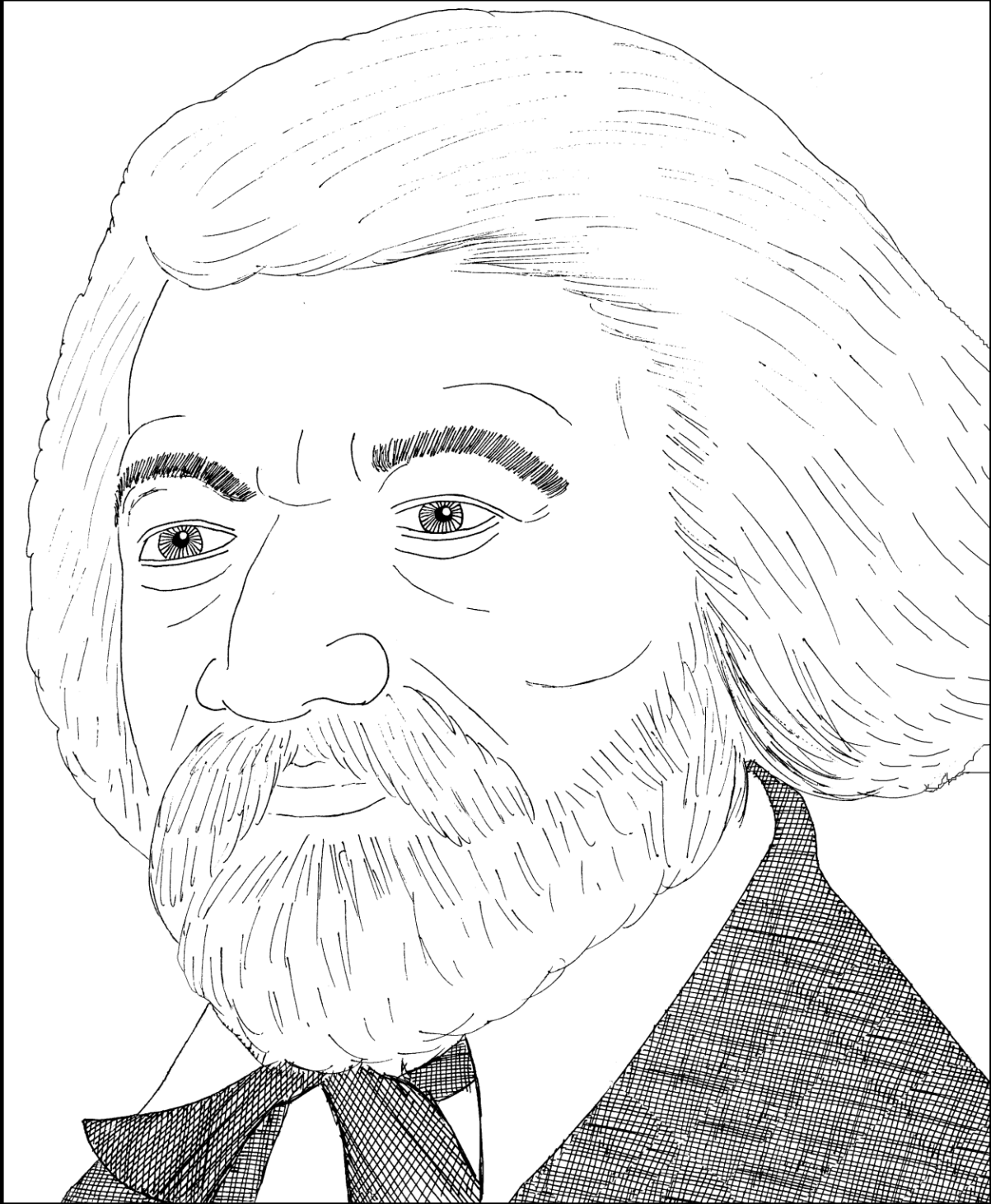
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**-- Frederick Douglass**

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-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

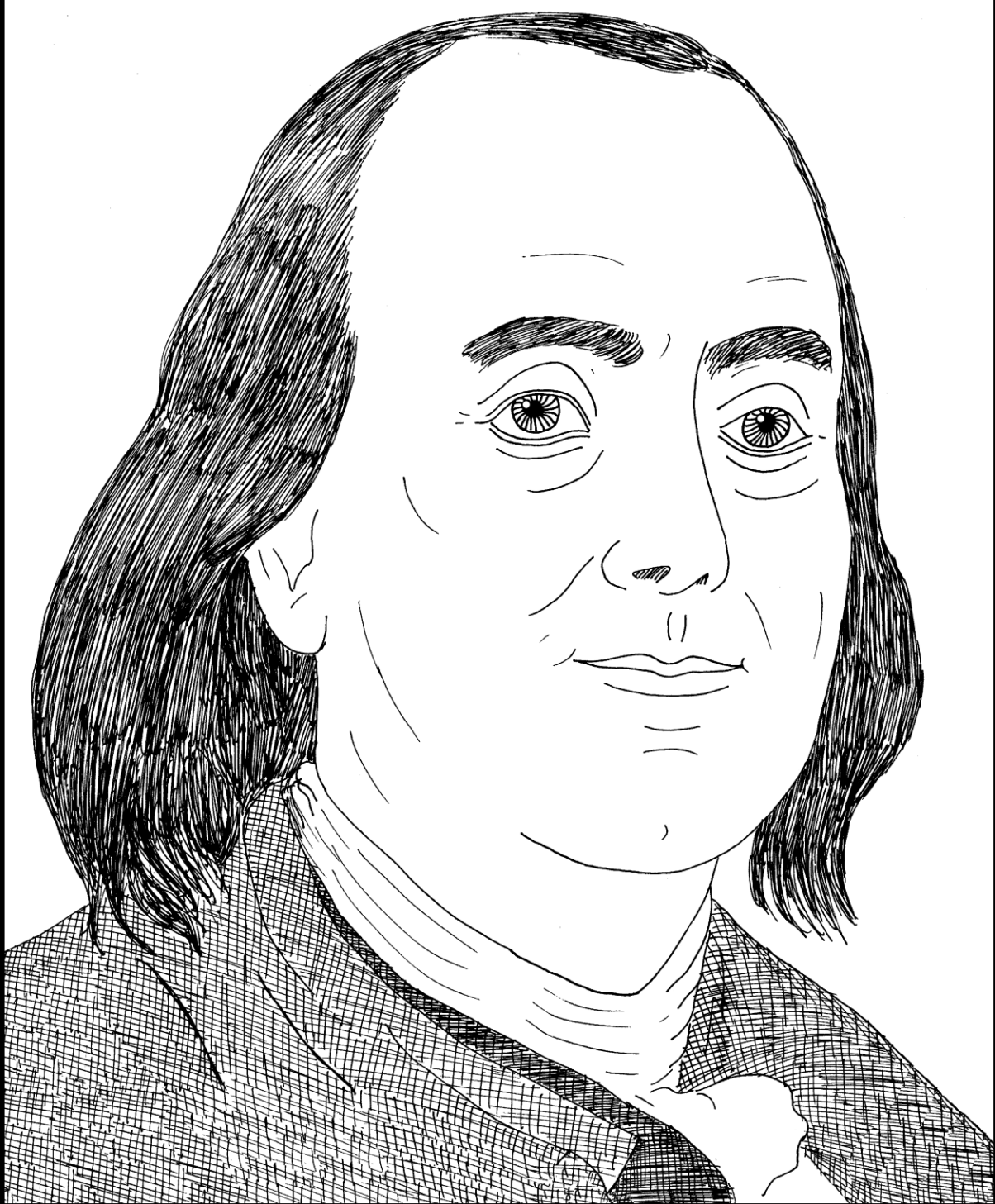
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-- Benjamin Franklin**

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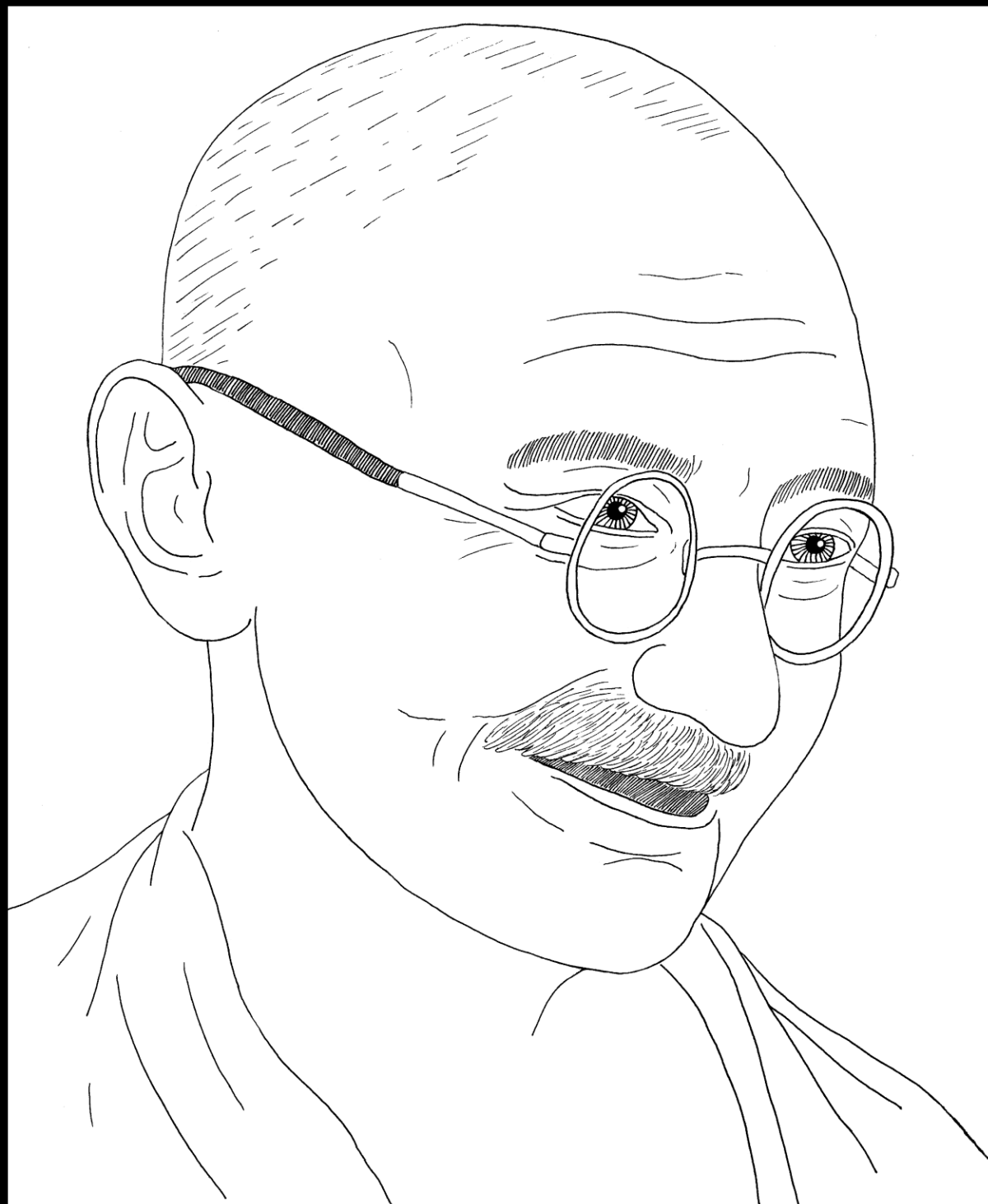
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"Rights that do not flow from duty well performed are not worth having."  
-- Mohandas Gandhi

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-- Dorothy Height**

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**"None of us would trade freedom of expression for the narrowness of the public censor. America is a free market for people who have something to say, and need not fear to say it."**

**-- Hubert Humphrey**

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-- Robert G. Ingersoll

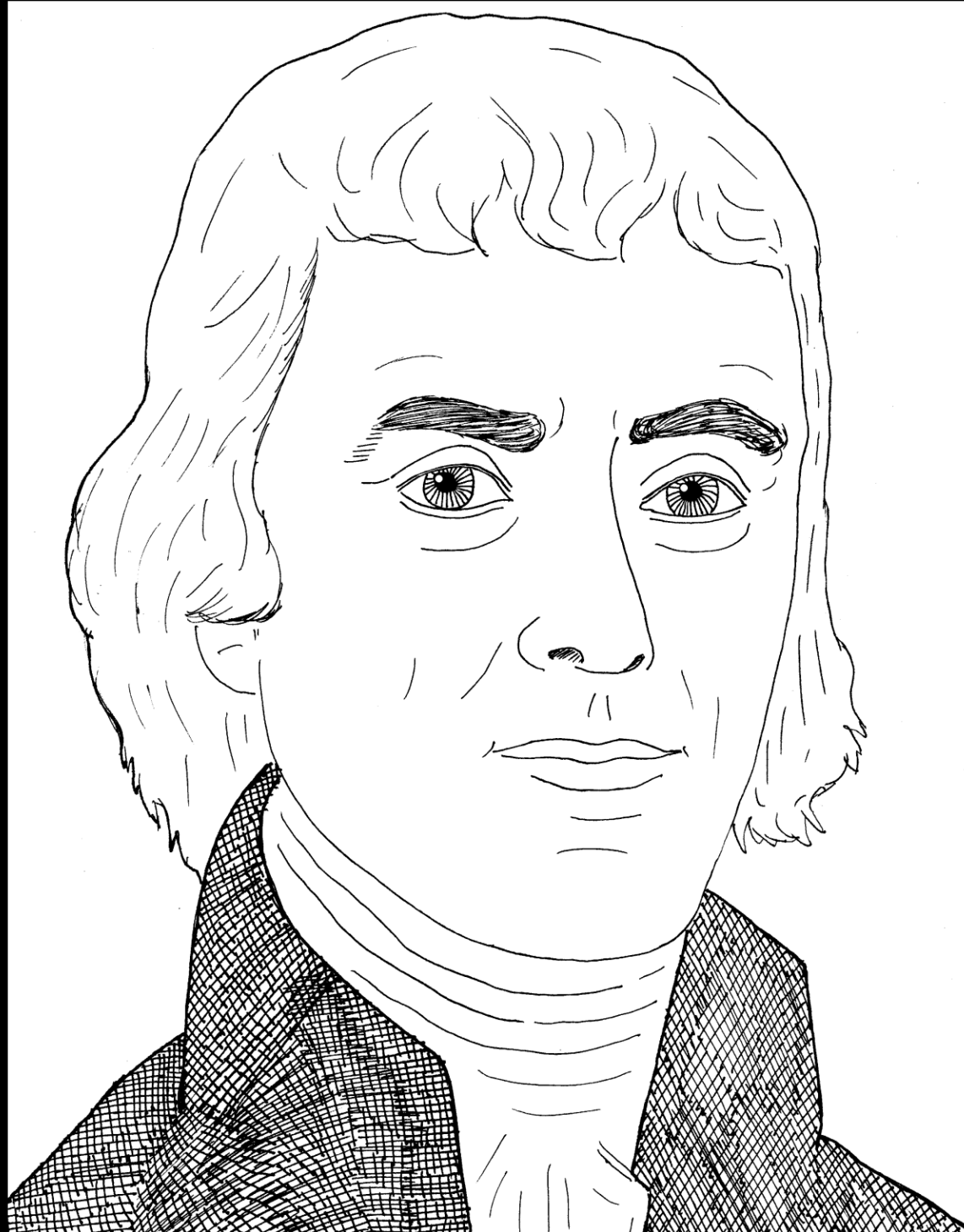
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**"If we make peaceful revolution impossible,  
we make violent revolution inevitable."**

**-- John F. Kennedy**

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-- Robert F. Kennedy**

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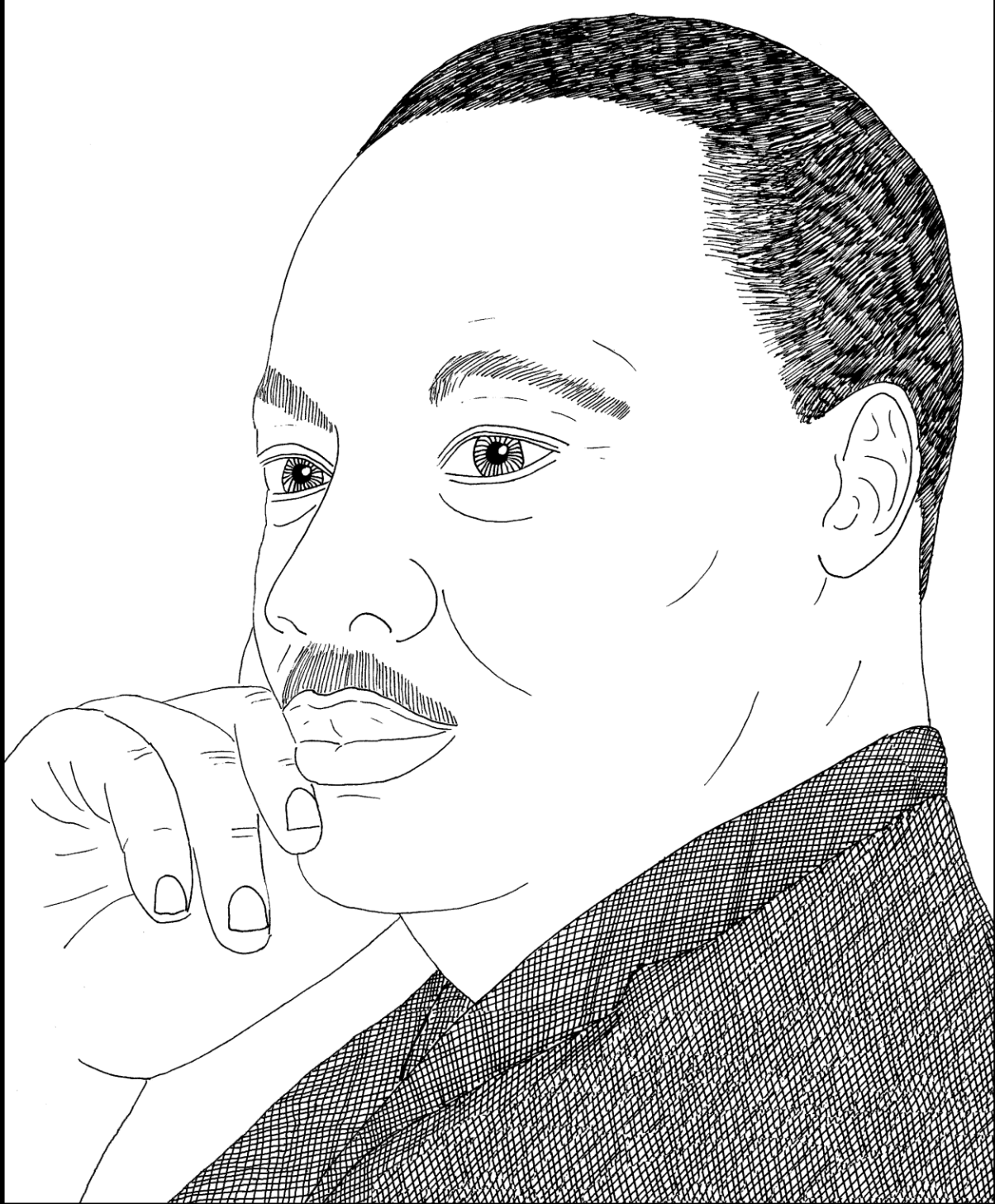
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"Whatever career you may choose for yourself - doctor, lawyer, teacher - let me propose an avocation to be pursued along with it. Become a dedicated fighter for civil rights. Make it a central part of your life. It will make you a better doctor, a better lawyer, a better teacher. It will enrich your spirit as nothing else possibly can."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

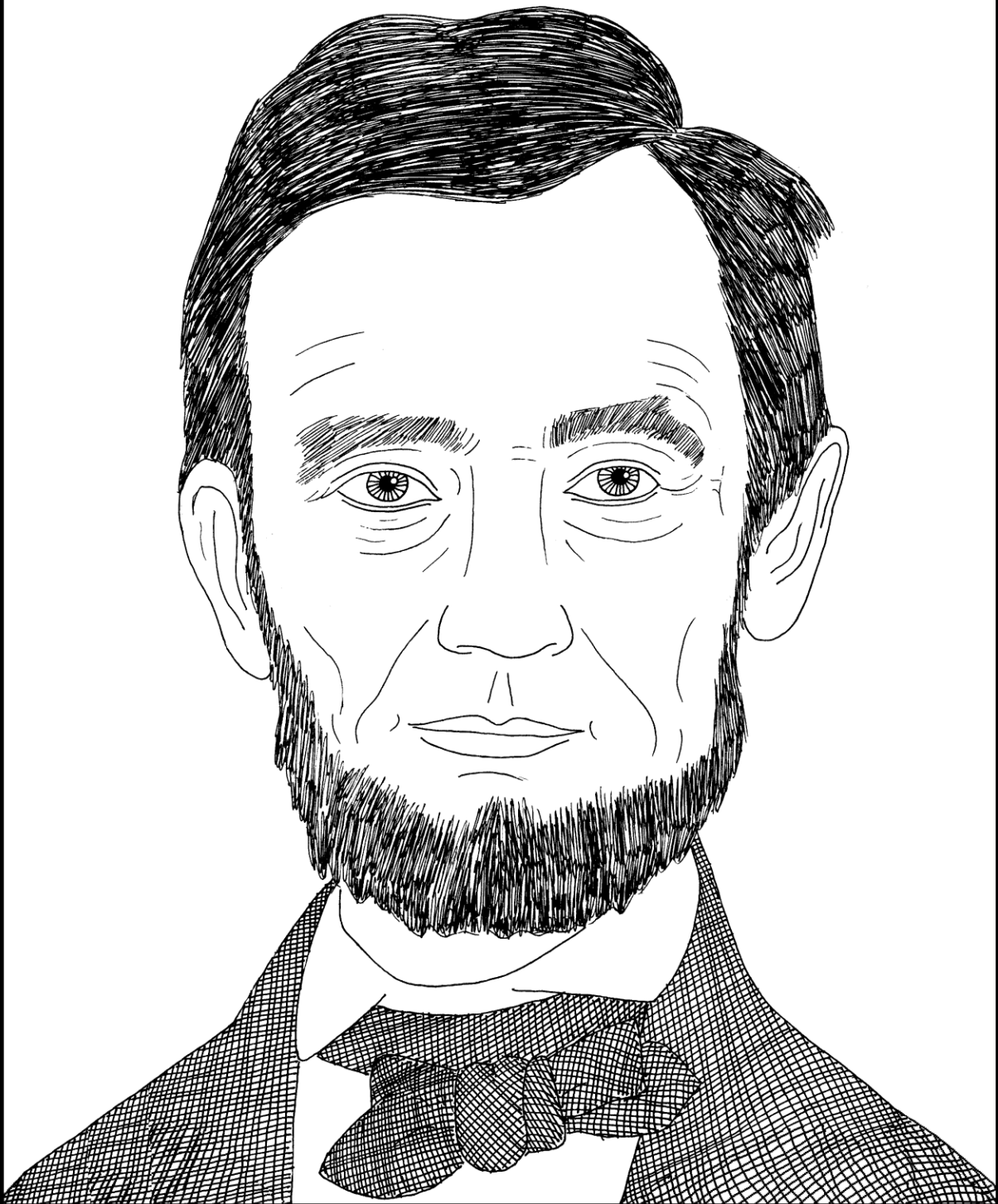
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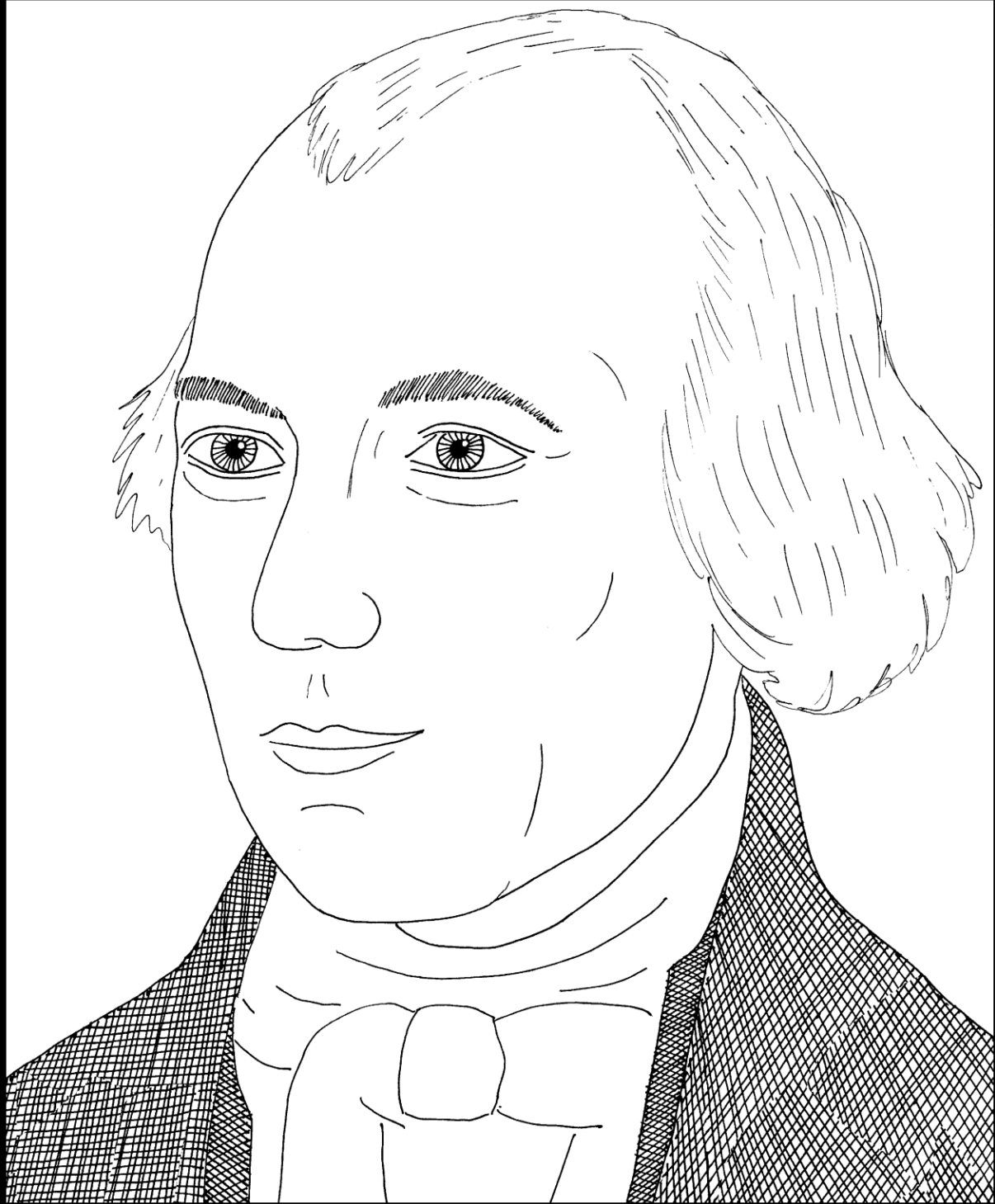
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**"Get up, stand up, Stand up for your rights.  
Get up, stand up, Don't give up the fight."  
-- Bob Marley**

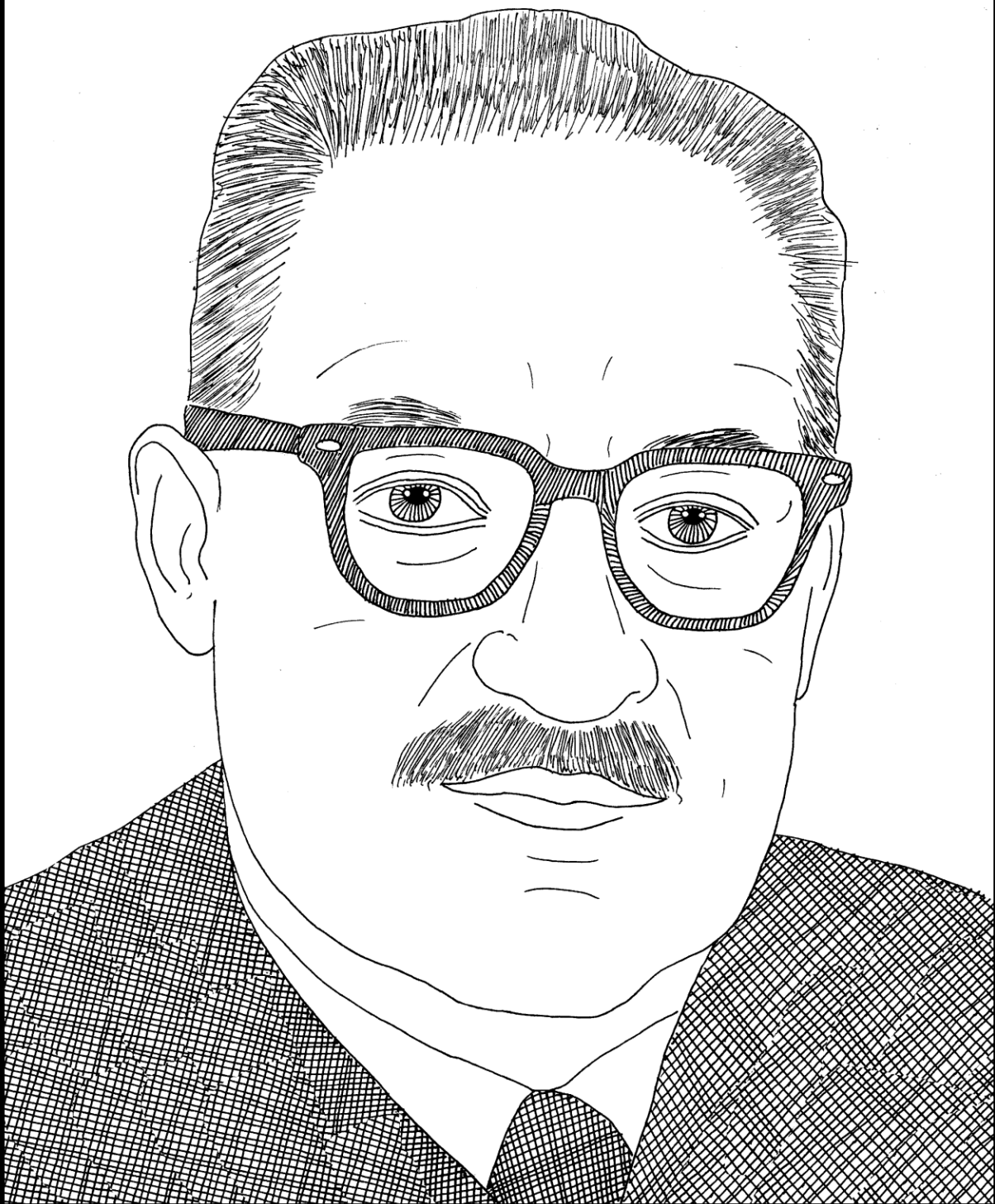
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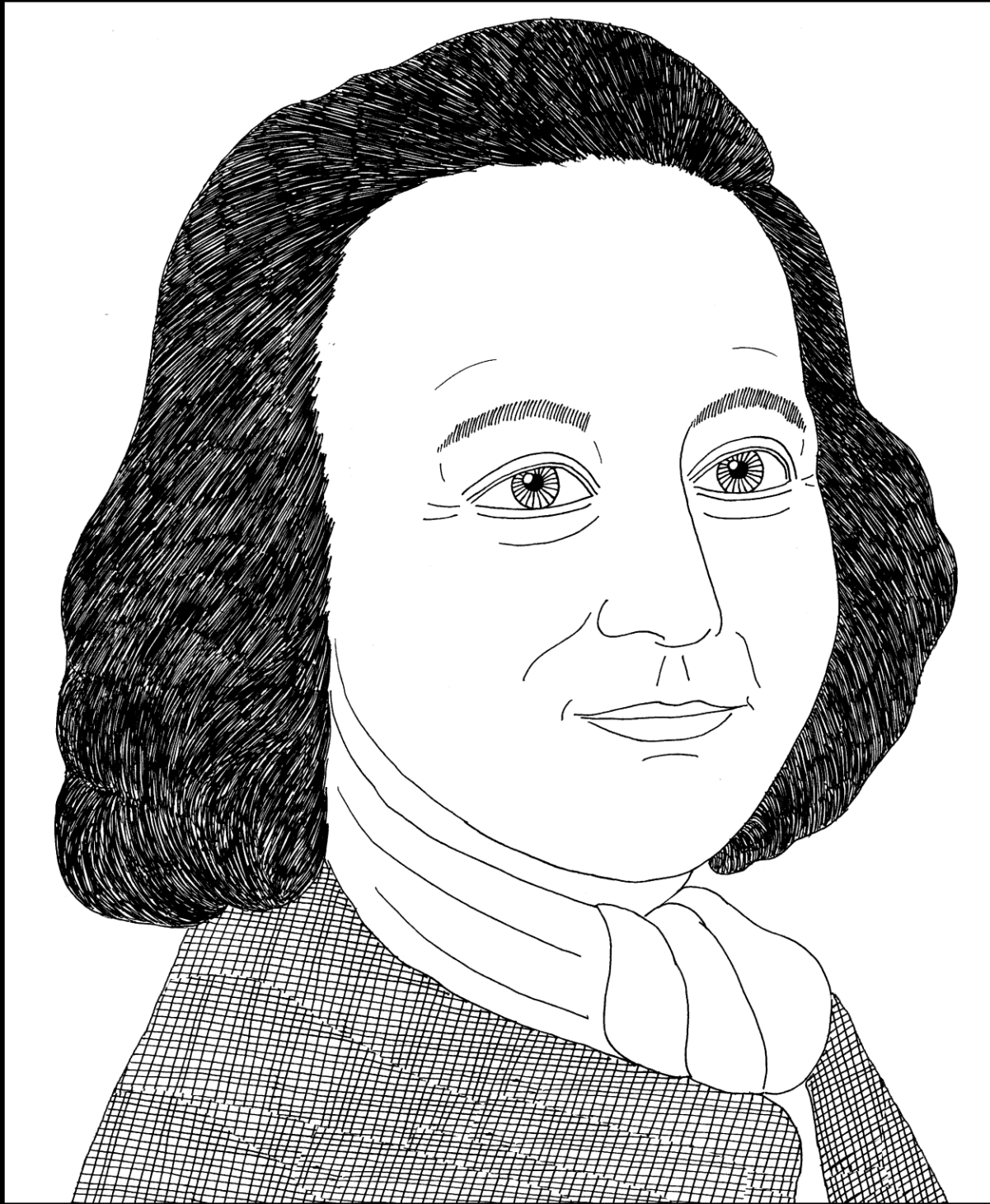
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**-- George Mason**

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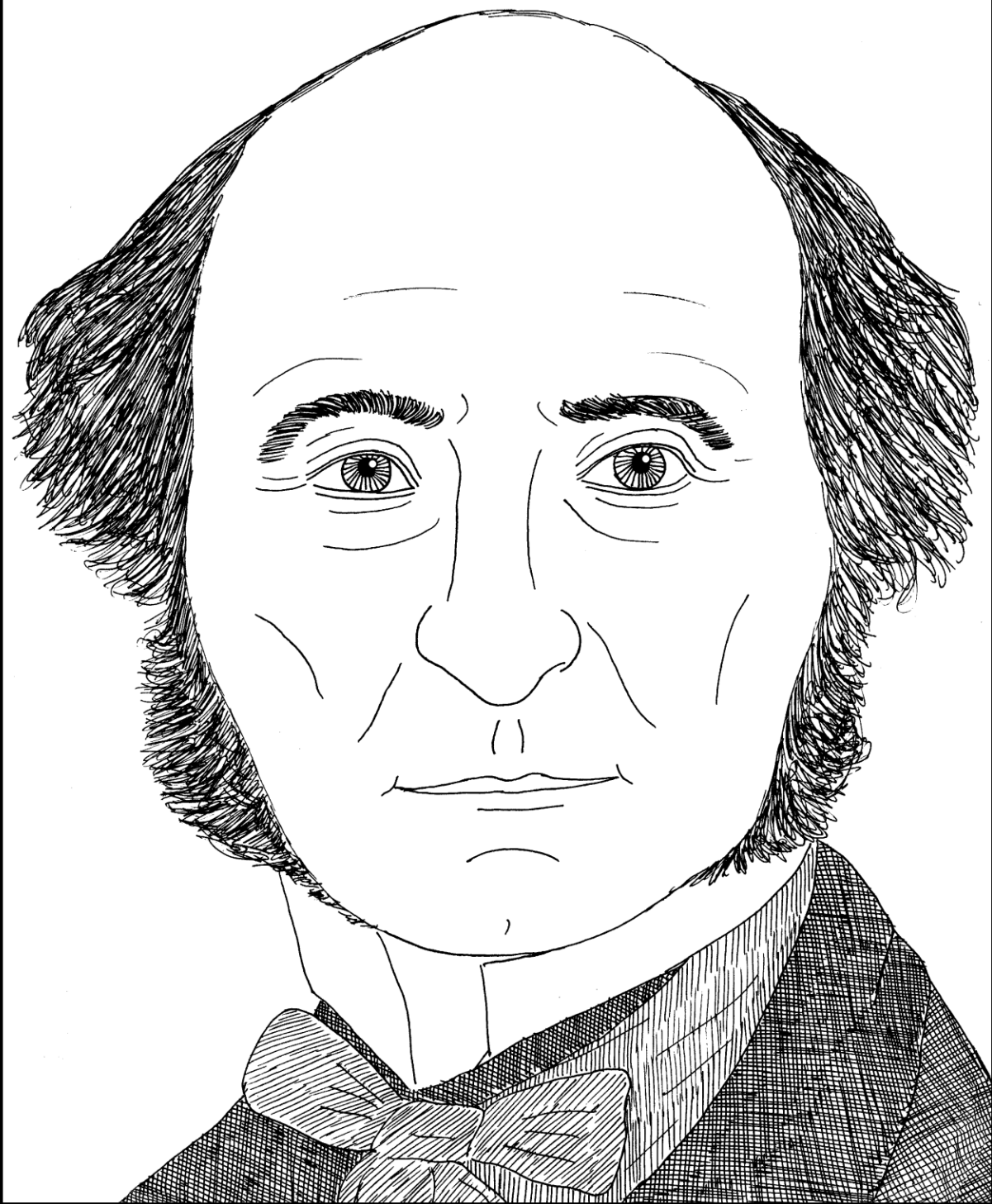
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**"If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."**

**-- John Stuart Mill**

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-- Eleanor Holmes Norton**

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**-- Barack Obama**

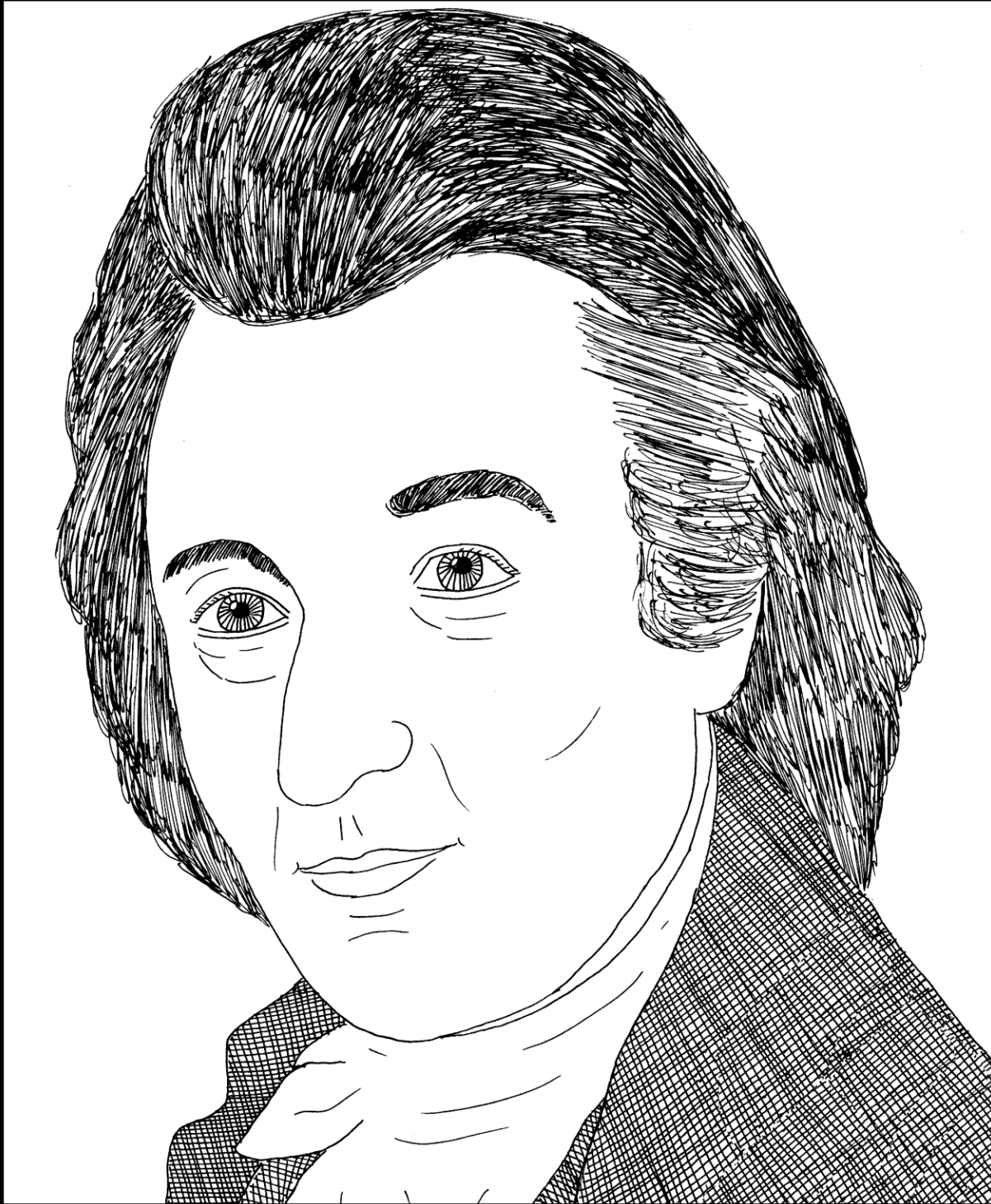
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"I knew someone had to take the first step  
and I made up my mind not to move."

-- Rosa Parks

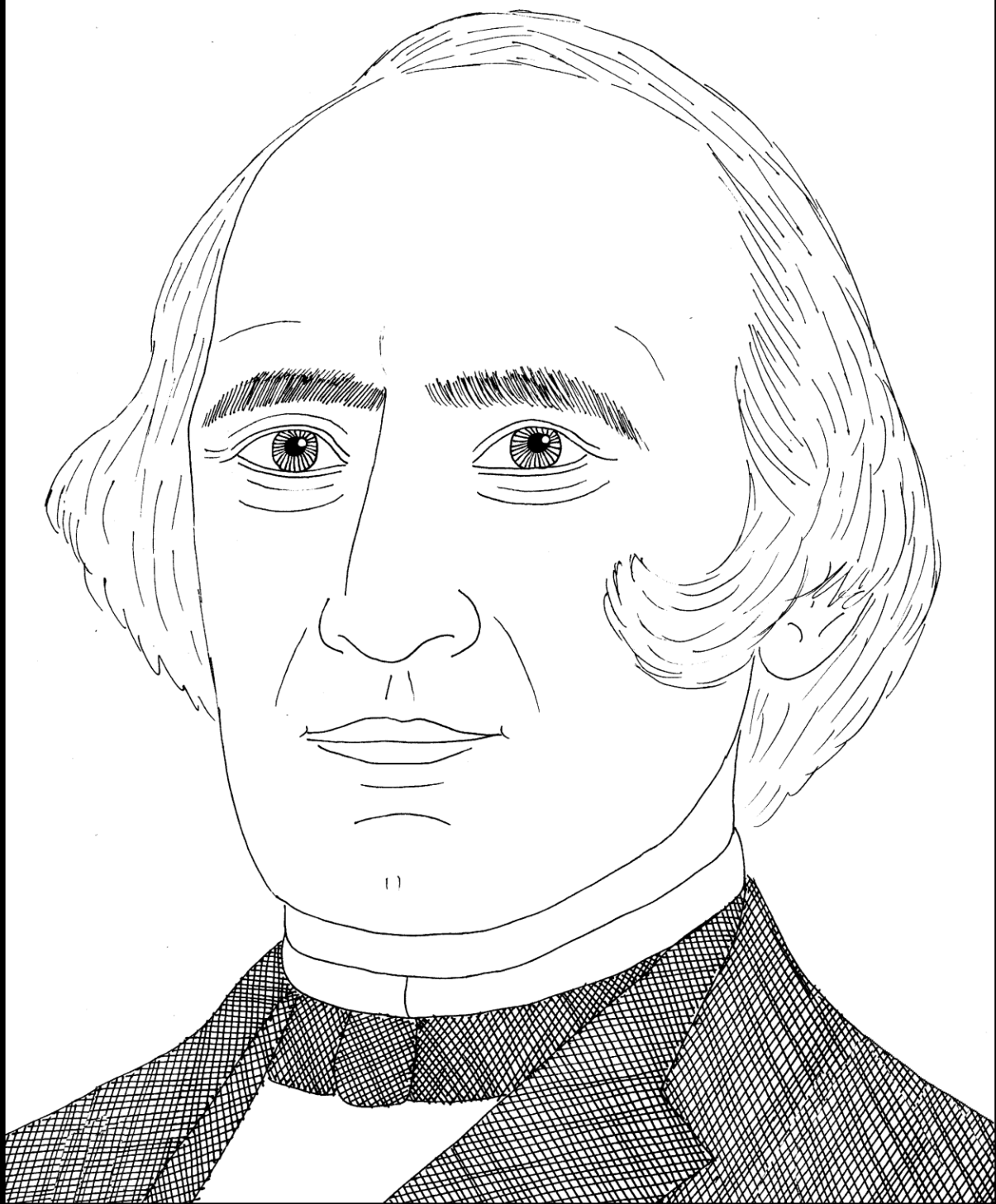
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**"Governments exist to protect the rights of minorities. The loved and the rich need no protection: they have many friends and few enemies."  
-- Wendell Phillips**

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**"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy,  
forget in time that men have died to win them."**

**-- Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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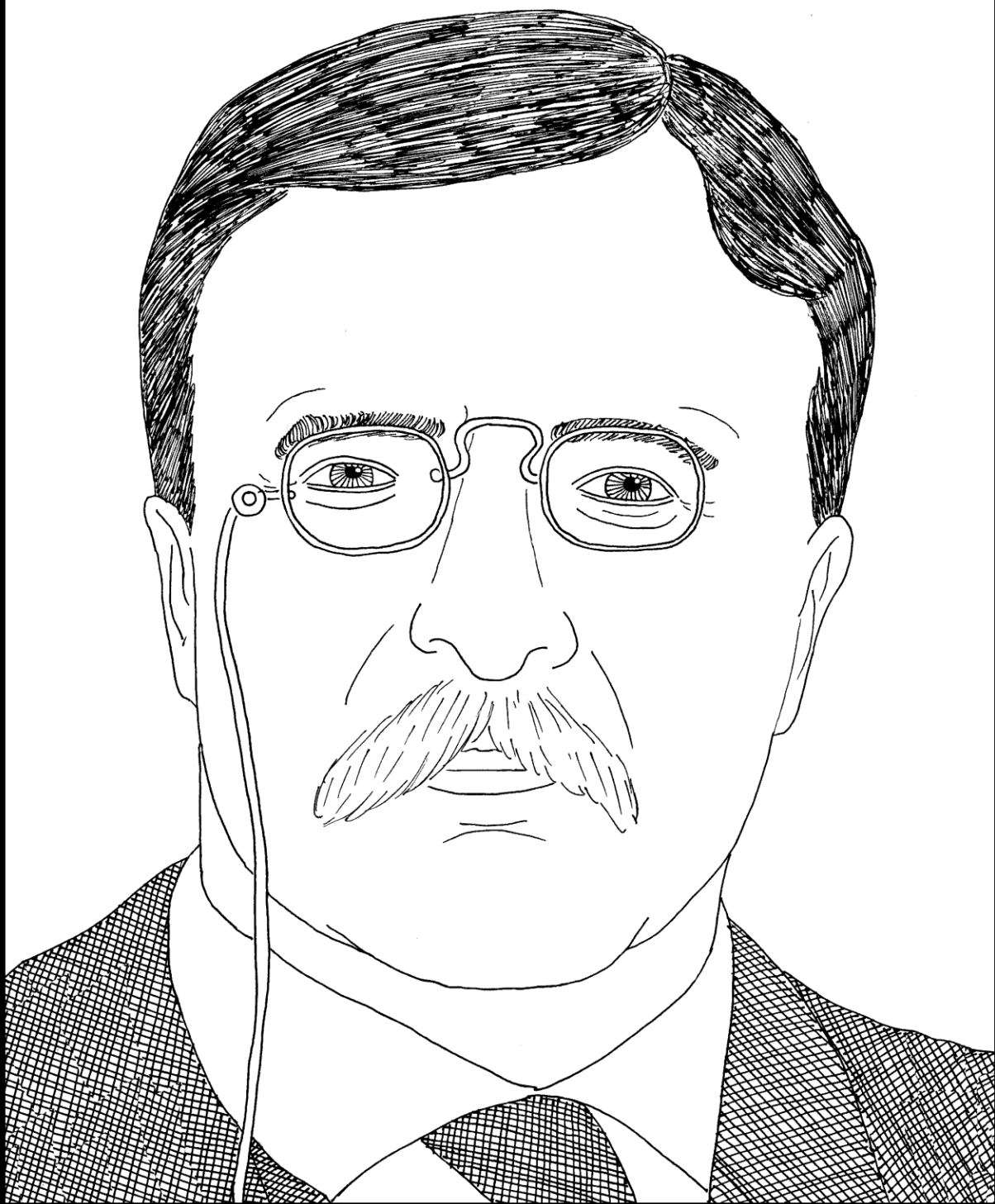
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"No man is above the law and no man below it."  
-- Theodore Roosevelt

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"In every country, we should be teaching our children the scientific method and the reasons for a Bill of Rights. With it comes a certain decency, humility and community spirit. In the demon-haunted world that we inhabit by virtue of being human, this may be all that stands between us and the enveloping darkness."

-- Carl Sagan

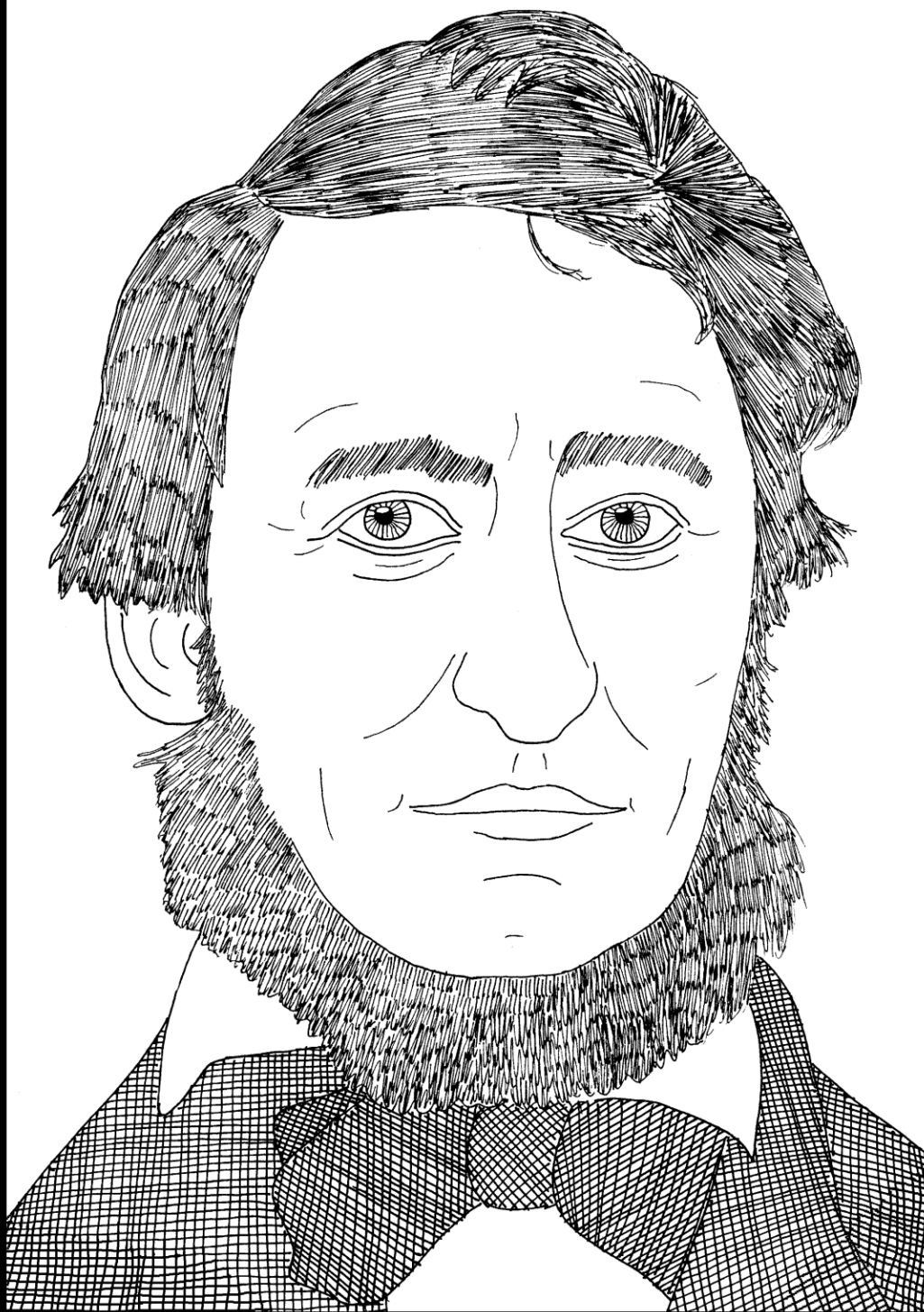
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"There will never be a really free and enlightened State until the State comes to recognize the individual as a higher and independent power, from which all its own power and authority are derived, and treats him accordingly."  
-- Henry David Thoreau

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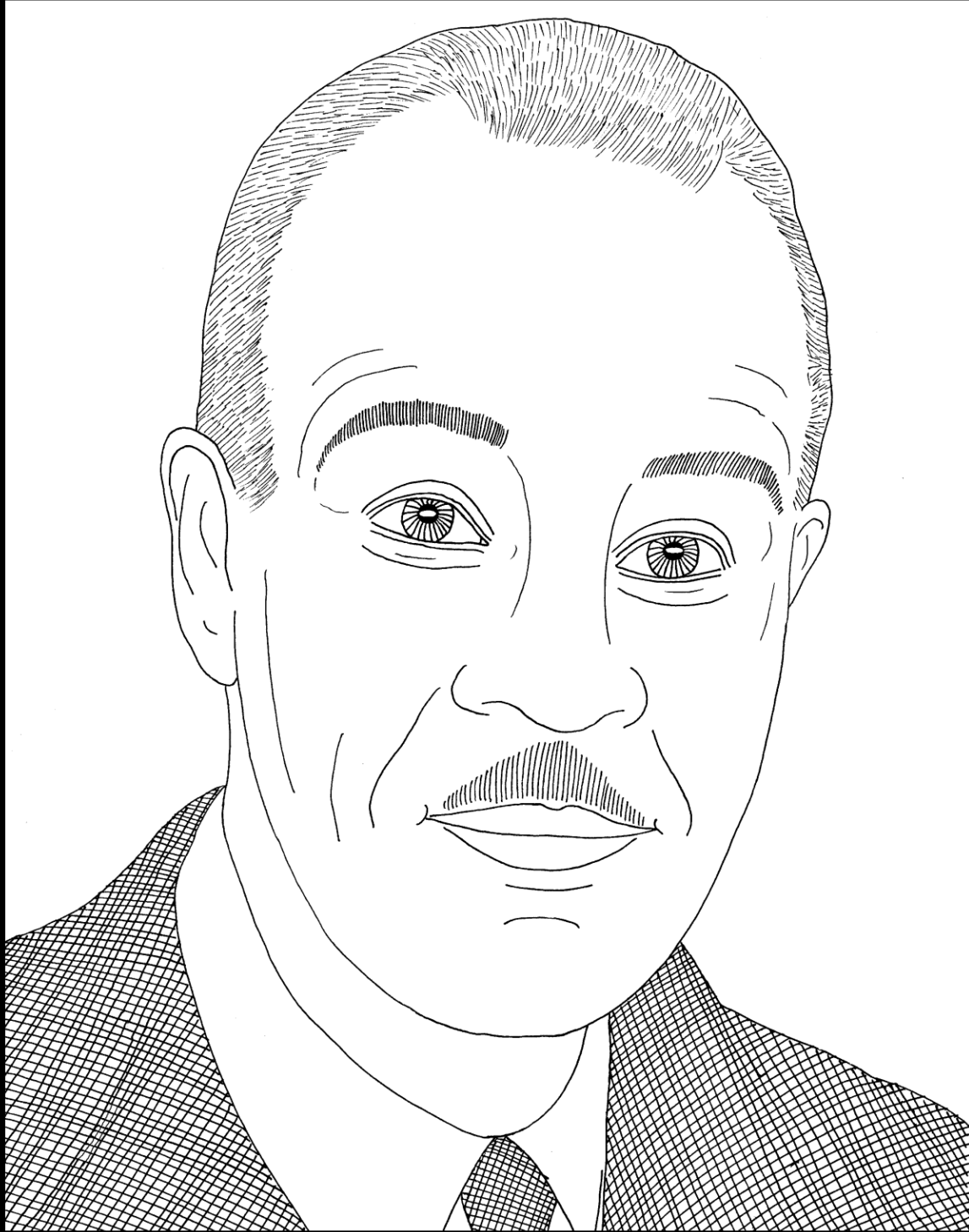
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**“An enormous discrepancy exists between the way we talk about equality in the abstract and the value as translated into laws and justice.”**

**-- Roy Wilkins**

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