





years—into a great world power, catching up to other great world

In the short space of time in terms of history—a bare 125 years from 1787 to World War I—our people developed institutions in-

dustries, universal and advanced education, science and technology, medicine, and the arts in a way that was at least equal to most of the other countries in the world. And by World War II it was clear

that we had surpassed a good many others. How did this happen? My thesis is that the Declaration of Independence first, and then its articulation and implementation in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights operated to release, to unleash, the talents, the energies



















