

James Monroe

The Father of Foreign Policy



James Monroe

As portrayed by Dennis Bigelow

“Bigelow breathes life into Monroe, an image previously blurred and murky, carried along by a doctrine, stripped of its author’s humanness and many accomplishments.”

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While fighting alongside General George Washington in the Revolutionary War, Monroe was unaware that he would one day become the **fifth leader** of our nation.

As president, he was the lead negotiator in the **Louisiana Purchase** and the architect of our nation’s first comprehensive defense posture.

Today, his **Monroe Doctrine** is considered the foundation of U.S. Foreign policy after 1823.

As a skilled communicator and negotiator, Monroe held more senior public executive offices than any other U.S. president. In addition to his terms as governor, senator and congressman,

Monroe served simultaneously as Secretary of State and War following his experience as ambassador to England, Spain and France.

After 25 years of world revolution, Monroe brought peace without foreign intervention to our nation.

“No president did more to expand the United States and foster the security of the nation.”

-President John Q. Adams 1831