



# GREEK INDEPENDENCE: HEROES; AND AN EON OF UPHEAVALS

**I**nspired by the French Revolution and envy for the successful declaration of Independence of the United States of 1876 and America's anthropocentric constitution based on democratic principles that were first proclaimed and practiced 25 centuries earlier in Classical Greece, the Greeks begin their war of independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821 and struggle to re-Hellenize the country whose population was uneducated, unknowledgeable of its epic past and deprived of pride and dignity.

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE: STARTED 1821; ENDED IN ...?

The war for independence from 4 centuries of oppressive Turkokratia did not start on the symbolic date of 25 March 1821 nor was it won, as it is eulogized in that day's fiery speeches, by the bravery of the clan chieftains of Moreas and Roumeli. The establishment of a tiny Greek state in 1831 from Peloponnesos in the south to Volos in the north was achieved by the military and political action of the Great Powers of the time: England, France, and Russia. The liberating powers installed their proxies in Athens and continued to intervene in Greek affairs until .....

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Nikos Kazantzakis (1883-1957) remains the best-known Greek fiction writer. His novels have always been both popular and controversial for religious, ethnic, political, artistic, and other reasons. They have also inspired movies, song cycles, operas, ballets, plays, and other artworks. Most people, though, do not know that Kazantzakis' favorite literary genre was drama. The writing of tragedies was his longest, most ....

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Κι εσύ όπου γης Έλληνα: “Κλείσε μέσα στην ψυχή σου την Ελλάδα και θα αισθανθής μέσα σου να λαχταρίζη κάθε είδος μεγαλείου.” (Διονύσιος Σολωμός)

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Greek language constitutes, along with Chinese, the longest unbroken linguistic tradition in the world. That is to say, the language spoken today is, despite its profound changes, pretty much the same as that used by Homer. This astonishing fact points to the continuity of the Greek language, which did not transform into a series of modern languages, like Latin did, breaking up into French Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and .....

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Greek Americans routinely celebrate the Greek War of Independence in the United States, but many of us are not truly familiar with its particulars. Also troubling for many Greek Americans is that the revolt involved bitter infighting among the Greeks, outright treason, and other inglorious behavior. In addition, the final outcome of the struggle was a rather small state headed by a monarch imposed by ....

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If you are planning to read only one book on what life was like during the 19th century in occupied-by-Turks- Crete, a co-existence that was both symbiotic and antagonistic, then Freedom or Death is that book. It was made into a movie, into a theatrical production that is performed by community thespian groups during the summer cultural events organized in every village and city in Crete, plus it was made into a homonymous .....

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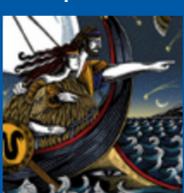
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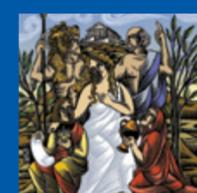
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