

The Declaration of Independence

Read pages 29-31 from the "We the People" books. Answer the following questions based on the reading.

1. What kind of person was Thomas Jefferson and why was he chosen to write the Declaration of Independence?

He was a man of many talents. He was quiet + shy but he was an excellent writer.

2. Who else was on the committee with Jefferson?

Declaration of Independence Committee

1. Thomas Jefferson
2. Benjamin Franklin
3. John Adams
4. Roger Sherman
5. Robert Livingston

3. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?

To justify the war for independence

4. List the **4 Parts** of the Declaration of Independence.

1. Ideals
2. Arguments
3. Complaints
4. Conclusion

5. What are the 3 Basic Rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence?

Life, Liberty, Pursuit of Happiness

6. What does the Declaration say the people have the right to do if the government is destructive of their rights?

Change or get rid of the government
and make a new government

7. What do you think was meant by the phrase "all men are created equal" in 1776? all white men

Today? everyone

To answer number 8, use a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

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8. Find three complaints against the King and write them below **in your own words**. (HINT: they begin with the word "He" and "For")

He sent soldiers to watch over
us

He made us quarter soldiers

He taxed us without representation