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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Study Guide

PREAMBLE: When in the course of _____ events it becomes _____ for one people to dissolve the _____ bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the _____ of earth, the separate and _____ station to which the _____ of _____ and _____ God entitle them, a decent respect to the _____ of _____ requires that they should _____ the causes which impel them to the _____.

DECLARATION OF NATURAL RIGHTS: *The first sentence in the next section has become famous as a statement of human rights. It has been quoted often since Thomas Jefferson wrote the words more than two hundred years ago. Please copy the complete sentence:* _____

Jefferson went on to say that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the _____ of the _____. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the _____ of the _____ to alter or to _____ it, and to institute a new government.

LIST OF GRIEVANCES: *The third section of the Declaration of Independence contains a long list of complaints against King George III, some of these grievances are listed below. Fill in the missing words:*

1. He has _____ his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the _____ good.
2. He has _____ representative Houses repeatedly, for _____ with manly firmness his _____ on the _____ of the people.
3. He has kept among us, in times of _____, Standing _____ without the _____ of our _____.
4. For _____ large bodies of _____ among us.
5. For _____ off our _____ with all parts of the _____.
6. For _____ taxes on us without our _____.
7. For depriving us in many _____, of the benefits of _____ by _____.
8. For _____ us beyond _____ to be _____ for pretended _____.
9. He has _____ our seas, _____ our Coasts, burnt our _____ and _____ the lives of our _____.
10. He is at this time _____ large _____ of foreign _____ to compleat(sp) the works of _____, desolation and _____ already begun with circumstance of _____ & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most _____ ages, and totally unworthy the _____ of a civilized nation.
11. He has excited _____ insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to _____ on the inhabitants of our _____, the merciless Indian Savages who known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

NOW CIRCLE OR HIGHLIGHT THREE GRIEVANCES YOU THINK ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT.

PETITION FOR REDRESS: *This section is to let the world know that the colonists have tried to negotiate a peaceful settlement. Please fill in the blanks.*

In every stage of these _____, We have _____ for Redress in the most _____ terms: Our repeated _____ have been _____ only by repeated _____. A Prince, whose _____ is thus marked by every _____ which may define a _____, is unfit to be the _____ of a free _____. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our _____ brethren. We have _____ them from time to time of attempts by their _____ to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us..... They too have been _____ to the voice of _____ and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our _____, and hold them, as we hold the rest of _____, Enemies in _____, in _____ Friends.

RESOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE UNITED STATES: *This last section is the actual Declaration of Independence. Please fill in the blanks.*

We, therefore, the _____ of the United States of _____, in General _____, Assembled, appealing to the _____ Judge of the world for the rectitude of our _____, do, in the _____, and by _____ of the good _____ of these _____, solemnly publish and declare, That these United _____, are, and of _____ ought to be _____ and _____ States; that they are _____ from all _____ to the _____ Crown, and that all political _____ between them and the State of _____, is and ought to be _____ dissolved; and that as Free and Independent _____, that have full _____ to levy _____, conclude _____, contract _____, establish _____, and to do all other Acts and Things which _____ states may of right do. And for the support of this _____, with a firm _____ on the _____ of divine Providence, we mutually _____ to each other our _____, our _____ and our sacred _____.

BELOW: LIST FIVE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT YOU RECOGNIZE.