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**Declaration of Independence tutorial worksheet**

**3.** What did the Declaration of Independence announce to the world?

What day do we celebrate as Independence Day?

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| **7. Practice** | |
| Part 1 - Preamble:  Part 2 - Philosophy Statement:  Part 3 - List of Grievances:  Part 4 - Declaration of Independence: | Explains purpose; announces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Explains Enlightenment views of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and natural rights.  Explains how British government and king have tried to establish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in America.  Proudly declares to the world that the former colonies are now an  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nation. |
| **Note:** *Sometimes Part 4 is considered the redress of grievences section and Declaring they are separate and free is referred to as the 5th section. In this tutorial they only refer to 4 parts* | |
| **8. The Preamble**  “When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Law of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”  **In simple words, what does the Preamble say?** | |

**9.** What are the specific natural rights mentioned?

When are people allowed to break a social contract with a government?

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| **10. Philosophy Statement –**  **Underline the lines that are about natural rights- Circle the lines that are about social contract**  “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.–That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, –That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.” |

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| 10. Match each word or phrase below from the Philosophy statement to its definition on the right. | |
| \_\_\_\_\_Self-evident  \_\_\_\_\_Endowed by their Creator  \_\_\_\_\_Unalienable  \_\_\_\_\_Deriving  \_\_\_\_\_Alter or to abolish  \_\_\_\_\_Institute | 1. Create 2. Getting 3. Given by God 4. Obvious; clear to understand 5. Cannot be denied 6. Change or end |

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| **13. Explain what each grievance below means.** | |
| **Example:** “For **imposing Taxes** on us without our Consent” | **Example:** Taxing colonists without allowing them a say. |
| “For **cutting off our Trade** with all parts of the world” |  |
| “He has **dissolved Representative Houses** repeatedly…” |  |
| “He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and **destroyed the lives of our people**.” |  |
| “He has kept among us, in times of peace, **Standing Armies** without the Consent of our legislatures.” |  |

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| **15. The *Real* Declaration of Independence**  **Re-write each section in simple terms.** | |
| “We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, … solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States…” |  |
| “that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved” |  |
| “and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do |  |

How would you feel if you were a **British person** living in Great Britain at the time the colonists declared their independence? How would you have felt if you were a **colonist**?

Write a statement that you could imagine each person saying. **Example**: British person might say “ I can’t believe the colonists think they can make it on their own”

**British:**

**Colonist:**