

Declaration of Independence Worksheet

Instructions: Answer each of the following questions as thoroughly as needed. You will find all of the answers in the Declaration of Independence in the order that they appear on the worksheet. (The only exceptions are #10 and #11, which require additional work.) You may add more space for answers if you need it. This will be the page for Thomas, September 9. Please bring your worksheet to class on that day.

1. Why did Jefferson believe that the colonies had a right to be independent?
2. What reason did Jefferson give for writing this document?
3. What "self-evident" truths did Jefferson name?
4. What was Jefferson's purpose in identifying these self-evident truths?
5. What makes a right "unalienable"?
6. Why does Jefferson say that governments are created?
7. Who has the power to change the government?
8. What was changing a government for Jefferson?
9. How, according to Jefferson, should a government be changed?