



Declaration of Independence

Poster Paper Grades 4-8

The Declaration of Independence was a bold announcement that people have a right to a government of their own choice. With this important document, the 13 North American colonies announced their separation from Great Britain on July 4, 1776.

Look at a copy of the Declaration of Independence to find the exact words to write in the blanks below. Shown here are only portions of the document.

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The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies in Congress, July 4, 1776. The (1) _____ Declaration of the thirteen (2) _____ States of America:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes (3) _____ for one people to (4) _____ the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the (5) _____ and (6) _____ station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the (7) _____ of mankind requires that they should declare the (8) _____ which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be (9) _____, that all men are created (10) _____, that they are endowed by their (11) _____ with certain (12) _____ Rights, that among these are Life, (13) _____, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just (14) _____ from the consent of the (15) _____. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to (16) _____ 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 (17) _____ and Happiness.

... We, therefore, the (18) _____ of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our (19) _____, do, in the Name, and by the authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and (20) _____. That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and (21) _____ States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the (22) _____.

... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm (23) _____ on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our (24) _____, our Fortunes, and our sacred (25) _____.



Write a word or phrase from the text above that means the same as each item below.

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| a. freedom _____ | g. excused from all loyalty to _____ |
| b. obvious _____ | h. receiving their power from the permission of the ones being led _____ |
| c. change _____ | i. moral strength of our plans _____ |
| d. God _____ | j. we together promise _____ |
| e. destiny _____ | |
| f. explain the reasons that drive them _____ | |