

### **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WORKSHEET**

Examine the two copies of the Declaration of Independence and answer the following questions.

1. What indication exists to indicate that the Declaration of Independence is an “enlightened” liberal-democratic document?
2. What indications are there that this is both a revolutionary and a cautious document?
3. What rhetorical devices are employed by Jefferson? What purposes do these serve?
4. Are there indications that this document was intended for more than British consumption?
5. Compare the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the declaration to the final draft. What obvious differences do you notice? What do these changes suggest about the nature of the declaration?