



Declaration of Independence

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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 words needed to write in the blanks below. Words have one only position in the document.



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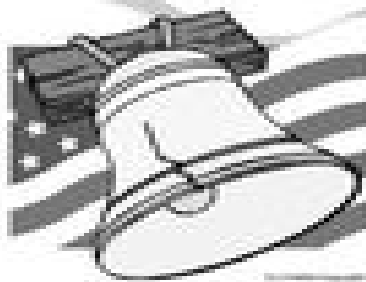
The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies to Congress, July 4, 1776. The title _____
Declaration of the Thirteen (13) _____ States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes (1) _____ for one people to (2) _____
the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the
(3) _____ and (4) _____ station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle
them, a decent respect to the (5) _____ of mankind requires that they should declare the
(6) _____ which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be (7) _____, that all men are created (8) _____, that they are
endowed by their (9) _____ with certain (10) _____ Rights, that among these are Life,
(11) _____ and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted
among Men, deriving their just (12) _____ from the consent of the (13) _____. That whenever
any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to
(14) _____ it, and to institute new Governments, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing
its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their (15) _____ and Happiness.

... We, therefore, the (16) _____ of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled,
appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our (17) _____ do, in the Name, and
by the authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and (18) _____ that these
United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and (19) _____ States, that they are absolved from
all allegiance to the (20) _____.

... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm (21) _____ in the protection of Divine
Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our (22) _____ our Fortunes, and our sacred
(23) _____.



- Write a word or phrase from the text above that means the same as each item below.
- 1. freedom _____
 - 2. natural laws of society by _____
 - 3. station _____
 - 4. alter _____
 - 5. God _____
 - 6. justice _____
 - 7. explain the reason for their choice _____
 - 8. securing their power from the permission of the Great King God _____
 - 9. natural strength of one place _____
 - 10. the responsibility _____