

***The Patriots Declare Independence*****RETEACHING ACTIVITY****Chapter 5, Section 2**

**Directions:** Study the charts below and refer to them to complete the statements that follow. Then you will better understand the main ideas of the Declaration of Independence.

**PATRIOTS DECLARE INDEPENDENCE**

The Patriots put forth their views in the Declaration of Independence:

- main points developed by a committee made up of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman
- written by Thomas Jefferson
- consists of a preamble (introduction) and list of accusations against the King
- protects inalienable rights, rights that cannot be taken away
- lists the inalienable rights as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
- says people have the right to rebel against unjust government
- states that the powers of government come from the people
- declares that "all men are created equal" (despite urging by Abigail Adams to include statements on status of women)

**LOYALISTS OPPOSE INDEPENDENCE**

The Loyalists, who opposed independence but had no formal document, had the following characteristics:

- about a fifth of the white population
- Quakers and other groups whose commitment to peace forbade them to support a war
- had held royal posts
- wealthy people who feared mob rule
- remained loyal to Britain because it seemed likely that Britain would win
- could leave the colonies to return to their homeland, Britain

1. Two groups with opposing beliefs about relationships to Britain were
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2. Three of the five people who developed the main points of the Declaration of Independence were
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3. The main author of the Declaration of Independence was
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4. *Inalienable rights* means those rights that
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5. According to the Declaration of Independence, the three basic inalienable rights are
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6. Loyalists were colonists who remained loyal to
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7. Quakers stayed faithful to Britain because
- \_\_\_\_\_

8. One reason besides religion that some colonists took the British side was
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9. Some Loyalists fled the colonies to return to
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