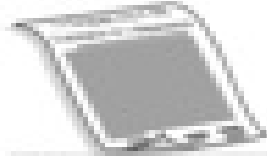


Names: _____ Writing, paraphrasing

The Declaration of Independence

Thomas Jefferson divided the Declaration of Independence into four main parts. Using a copy of the Declaration of Independence and a dictionary, work with your partner to write each part in your own words. Try to keep the same meaning but use words and phrases of today. Then answer the questions about the document below.



The Declaration of Independence



Part I: Introduction

Part II: Beliefs

Part III: Wrongs

Part IV: Conclusion

Questions:

1. What was the purpose of the document?

2. Colonel John Nixon read the Declaration of Independence from a platform at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. How do you think the colonists felt when they heard him?

3. How do you think King George III of Great Britain felt when he received the Declaration of Independence?

Bonus Box: On the back, draw a cartoon illustration of King George III receiving the Declaration of Independence. Write a humorous caption telling what he may have said when he received the document.

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