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# FREEDOM FOR THE COLONIES

Read the short passage and answer the questions.

Long ago, the 13 American colonies were controlled by Great Britain. The colonists had to follow British laws and pay taxes. Many people felt this was unfair because they did not get to help make the rules.

In 1776, leaders met together and created the Declaration of Independence. The document explained why the colonies wanted freedom. After it was signed, the colonies worked together to become an independent country.

## Questions:

1. How many colonies were there?

2. Why were the colonists unhappy?

3. What document did the leaders create?

4. What year was the Declaration written?

5. What did the colonies hope to become?

